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Pressure on Israel aid to president

NEW YORK —

Rabbi Joseph P. Sternstein, president of the Zionist Organization of America, has sharply criticized the Carter administration's Middle East policies in an address to the Long Island Region of the ZOA.

The rabbi charged that "the campaign to pressure Israel to make concessions, which may be harmful to her very life, includes an orchestrated attempt to create uncertainty and doubt in the minds of her American supporters, especially those in the American Jewish community."

Sternstein called on American Jewish leadership to urgently engage itself in a massive counter-offensive of information. He said "our Jewish communities are with Israel; they understand the attack being made on its government; they are ready to reject unfair and unsound American Middle East policies.

"Present administration policy is detrimental to American interests; we will not lower our voices and we will not be intimidated or be silent," said Sternstein.

"We must also ask the hard questions of Sadat, who was acclaimed 'the world's peacemaker' by President Carter, yet who rejected Israel's unprecedented offers contained in Prime Minister Begin's peace plan. Instead of negotiating in good faith, Sadat broke off the negotiations and turned his back on this opportunity to move forward towards peace.

"If Sadat truly seeks peace, why does he give 'all or nothing' ultimatums to Israel, why does he attempt to dictate instead of negotiate, and why does the administration meekly accept this arrogant position?

"It is time that the administration acknowledge and the American people understand that it is Sadat who is 'the real obstacle to peace'."

According to Sternstein, Israel has offered Sadat 97% of the Sinai desert and has also offered administrative autonomy to the Arabs of Judea, Samaria and Gaza.

"Never before," he said, "has any Israeli government offered so much, been so forthcoming, and shown such flexibility. Why then is Israel being pressured by the United States to give more, when Sadat has given so little?

"Why should the American administration permit itself to advocate a policy of Jewish exclusion which, in effect, creates a condition of Judenrein? If Israel requires 3% of the Sinai for settlement for her advance warnings of security, is this too much to ask from Sadat who is acclaimed to be on a mission of peace?

"The United States," he continued, "is not pursuing a constructive American policy. Instead, the administration is acting out of confusion and a distortion of history, which creates questions throughout the world regarding our nation's credibility."

Congress examines articles

MONTREAL [Staff] —

A special committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, Eastern Region, headed by Montreal lawyer Frank Schlesinger, has been set up to examine the anti-Zionist content of articles published in the French-language publication, Ici Quebec.

Schlesinger, who is also chairman of Congress' Community Relations Committee, told a Sunday town hall meeting at the Adath Israel Congregation in Outremont that the articles and public statements of publisher Marcel Chaput, considered defamatory to the Jewish community, would be carefully examined.

Schlesinger said the intention of committee members was to undertake a thorough study of Ici Quebec "without becoming its spokesman by giving the publication the type of publicity it did not deserve."

On Congress' stand regarding the upcoming Quebec referendum, Schlesinger said that informal votes held by officers of Congress, Eastern Region, and members of the Community Relations Committee, indicated that "the unity issue, in and of itself, was not a 'Jewish' issue."

A formal vote on Congress' stand on Quebec independence will take place at an Eastern Region meeting in June.

IT'S MATZA TIME

Residents of Toronto's Baycrest Terrace for senior citizens get Passover shopping done with the help of young volunteers. Aiding terrace resident William Steinberg, 86, are Martin Szereszewski, 16, and Jackie Partnoy, 17. Fifteen teenagers from the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization packed and delivered orders for the senior citizens.

El Al stoppage is major crisis; causes big loss

MONTREAL —

El Al planes continue to be grounded as a result of a management-union dispute that is costing the government-owned airline millions of dollars in lost income.

Dov Adiv, El Al's general manager for Canada and the Far East, told The Canadian Jewish News that disruption of travelers' plans had been kept to a minimum and to date, all had been looked after by other airlines.

"We have come through with flying colors as far as Canada is concerned," Adiv said. "Everybody got off with no more than a two-hour delay on the original departure time."

A company release from Tel Aviv set out its side of the bitter dispute which began years ago and built up to its present crisis. According to El Al, the dispute stems from disagreements over who should run the company, the management or the union representatives.

The unions claim the employees were locked out by the company, while the latter says it refused to reactivate flights until a basic accord was reached on the principles which would form a new labor agreement. There are eight unions, any one of which is capable of closing down the airline, according to the company.

El Al took its case to the public with a full-page advertisement in The Jerusalem Post which declared that "El Al is a sick company," and that "major surgery" was needed because of the "desperate nature of the disease."

Accept Israelis, community urged

By MEL SOLMAN

MONTREAL —

Israeli immigrants should be accepted as a reality within the North American Jewish community with full rights to all services available to the community at large, Chaim Grunwald, associate director of the largest Jewish settlement home in New York City, told a workshop session of the Jewish Welfare Board Convention meeting here recently.

Speaking to a workshop on new Jewish immigrant groups, Grunwald said that Israeli immigrants face different problems from other new arrivals, in particular the lack of acceptance in the North American communities where they choose to live.

Grunwald, who himself left Israel over 25 years ago, said many Israelis in North America live with a certain degree of guilt feelings. Concern about the precarious state of Israel's existence by North American Jews has complicated their attitude towards Israeli immigrants, he said.

Grunwald estimated that 100,000 to 300,000 Israelis live in New York, although no official statistics were available.

He noted there were many Israeli professionals, artists and business people in New

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Relinquish parts of West Bank, Opposition Leader Peres says

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

Israel must relinquish the areas of the West Bank most heavily populated by Arabs, preferably to Jordanian rule, Opposition Leader Shimon Peres told a press conference here.

Peres repeated the Labor Party's policies on a peace settlement while at the same time defending Prime Minister Begin's proposal of a five-year, self-rule plan for the Palestinians on the West Bank.

"My party believes that we should give up the most populated areas of the West Bank, not because we should submit to American pressure, but because it is not our place to administer Arab towns and villages. We have enough troubles with administering our own."

He said, however, that he would like to see Begin's self-rule proposal succeed because its failure might cause a breakdown in negotiations.

Peres came to the press conference with no set statement and answered questions briefly and in a low-key manner. He was in Montreal from Washington for just one day to address the annual dinner of the Canadian Associates of the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. He is vice-chairman of the international board of governors of Ben Gurion.

The former defence minister was critical of the American administration's treatment of Israel, in general, and of Begin in particular.

"No Israeli politician should be treated the way Mr. Begin was in Washington... it seems America stopped throwing cherry blossoms the minute Begin landed in Washington."

Commenting on his recent 2½-hour private meeting with Anwar Sadat, Peres said his impression was that the Egyptian president is sincere in his quest for peace.

Internal criticism of the Likud was voiced by "a serious group of people who mean well," said Peres, but claims of "intransigence" on Begin's part are unfair.

"Look at the Sinai. I believe a solution could have been found without a complete withdrawal that would not have been contrary to (the United Nations) Resolution 242," Peres declared.

Asked if the Labor government had been closer to peace, he replied: "This is a matter of polemics. The answer has to be yes because we had already negotiated two agreements and a third would have been easier for us to reach."

Israel should not accept what the American government is offering because it is, in effect, a military treaty that will increase Israel's dependence on the U.S., Peres said.

The dinner, chaired by Jack Cummings, was attended by over 500 persons. In addition to inaugurating Montreal's celebration of the 30th anniversary of Israel, the evening marked the retirement of Eric Flanders as president of the Canadian Associaates. Flanders, who is going on aliya with his family in June, founded the organization four years ago.

JNF's Harris Gulko

Director of JNF resigns

TORONTO —

Harris Gulko, executive vice-president of the Jewish National Fund, announced his resignation last weekend at the annual meeting of the organization here.

Gulko, 50, plans to make aliya in September, 1979. He served as executive vice-president for 15 years, and just celebrated his 25th year of service with JNF of Canada.

The Toronto-born executive began his career with JNF in 1953 as executive director of the Ontario Region. "My personal association goes back much further," he told the annual JNF meeting. "I cleared blue boxes door to door at age 11 and I was elected secretary of the JNF Council of Toronto when I was 16 years old."

Gulko and his family plan to live in Jerusalem.

Notice

The offices of The Canadian Jewish News will be closed for Passover on Friday, April 28. Therefore, for May 5th edition, editorial deadline is Wednesday, April 26 at 2 p.m. and advertising deadline is Thursday, April 27 at 2 p.m.

'Holocaust' defies foes

NEW YORK [JTA] —

The National Broadcasting Company declared that despite pressure on local stations from ultra-right wing and anti-Semitic groups, 210 of the network's affiliates showed the film **Holocaust**. The usual average for a major network presentation is 207 affiliates, an NBC spokesman said.

The spokesman also noted that the 9½-hour program was fully subscribed to for the four nights with 40 sponsors. The NBC announcement came during a press conference at the Plaza Hotel at which members of the cast and others involved in the production, including the writer of the script, Gerald Green, participated.

The producers were refused permission to shoot any of the film in East Europe where many of the Nazi death camps were located, Robert Berger, the film's producer revealed.

He said he was turned down by Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, East Germany and Poland. The reasons given, according to Berger, were that parts of the scripts were seen as too "Zionistic," showed people rising up against the authorities or depicted people who were not Nazis as anti-Semitic.

Members of the cast stressed that they felt they were participating in something more than an ordinary film. Fritz Weaver, who plays Dr. Josef Weiss, head of the Jewish family around which the film evolves, said he began to feel so much like a Jew that he responded as he believes a Jew would on current issues facing Israel.

Members of the production company said that while shooting the film in Austria they tried to keep a "low profile" to prevent any incidents by such groups as the Baader-Meinhof gang from West Germany or the Palestine Liberation Organization. At the same time they noted an undercurrent of anti-Semitism from the local population. Swastikas were painted on their film sets and anti-Semitic epithets were hurled at them on occasion.

However, Robert Berger, the film's producer, noted that while anti-Semitism exists in Austria, it is not confined to there and is present in other countries, including the United States.

Pesach tradition links generations

By MIRIAM CHINSKY

TORONTO —

When the Koranyi family first came to Canada from Hungary early in 1939, they had to leave many possessions behind, but they brought the silver candlesticks, a set of hand-painted Pesach dishes which had been handed down from one generation to another, and their Haggadas, printed in Hebrew and Hungarian.

Nicholas, his wife Ethel, their daughters Vera and Suzanne, were from Budapest, that elegant city on the Danube, but as immigrants to this country they were obligated to become farmers.

An uncle, Irvin, who was already established in his own travel agency here, had arranged for the purchase of property near the village of Thornhill outside Toronto.

In those days, the area was completely rural, almost desolate, and the urban Koranyis were hardly suited to the business of mixed farming.

Nicholas hired a fellow Hungarian, who claimed to have the necessary knowledge and agreed to supervise the operation. Koranyi, himself, was in command.

Vera, just entering her teens, recalls that it was a difficult time for her and for Suzanne, a few years younger, living in a strange country with a new language and totally unfamiliar surroundings. She doesn't remember much about the livestock or the crops, but she does recall, "we had an awful lot of eggs!"

In the midst of this alien environment, Ethel Koranyi, thoroughly Orthodox in her Judaism, began to prepare for the first Passover in the old brick house.

Local farm girls who came in to help, watched incredulously as she covered kitchen surfaces with boards and brown paper and set them to unpacking and washing a complete array of dishes, pots, pans, and cutlery.

That first seder in the country was an intimate family dinner with the four Koranyis, Uncle Irvin, and another uncle, Sandor, who came in from Pittsburgh for the occasion. Nicholas read from the Haggada, dinner was good, and tradition was maintained.

(David Groskind photo)

Vera Moos displays one of the family's Hungarian-Hebrew Haggadas which they brought over in 1939.

At the end of 1941 the Koranyis sold the farm and moved to the city. Ethel kept a strictly kosher home and each spring meticulously made it ready for Pesach. She saw that everything was scrubbed and polished and scoured, that the roast or fowl was done to a turn, the farfel cooked, the lettuce salad soaked in sugar and water, and she baked golden sponge cake and ground nuts for her own walnut confection.

And each year Nicholas chanted precisely from the Haggada, always in Hebrew, recounting the age-old tale of deliverance from slavery. He never missed a word, a nuance. Sometimes Vera and Suzanne would feel that the evening was endless and they would squirm a bit, or look at the illustrations. But under their father's watchful eye and their mother's dignified mien, they would obediently return to the subject at hand.

Uncle Irvin who lived with them, was almost always there, and Uncle Sandor would come in from Pittsburgh whenever he could.

Through the years as the family grew, the group around the seder table increased. Vera's husband, Henry Moos, a refugee from Germany via England, whose own parents had disappeared during the Nazi regime, and Suzanne's husband, Leo Berman, took their places beside their wives, and eventually the grandchildren, Gary, Tommy, Gail and Cindy, became part of the scene.

After the Hungarian revolution, cousins who had escaped to Canada were invited, and there were others, both relatives and friends.

Always, Ethel insisted that the two seders must be in her home. She would not travel, and no one, she intimated, was quite as kosher as she.

In 1973, when Nicholas Koranyi was obviously dying, he struggled through a last seder, still chanting beautifully, but pausing for frequent rests. Unknown to him his grandson Gary had placed a tape recorder under the table, and the family will always have that memory.

After Nicholas' death, Tommy took his place at the head of the table. Leo had died prematurely in 1970, but the others assisted. Cindy or Gail still ask the Four Questions, intoning just the way their grandfather taught them.

This Pesach for the second year, Tommy is in Israel working and studying, and Gary is at University in London, Ont. Gary will be present for at least one seder, and the Moos family will phone Tommy in Jerusalem. Henry will conduct the proceedings.

And Ethel Koranyi, in her 80s, with love and determination, will reaffirm her faith in her preparations for yet another Pesach.

A TRUE TALE!

TEL AVIV (JTA) –

Israelis preparing for the Passover holidays could hardly believe their eyes. The prices of many Passover foods were going down, not up as is normally the case at this season.

The large supermarket chains announced they would lower prices in order to increase sales and to prevent high mark-ups by smaller merchants. Some commodities were reported in short supply but the Ministry of Commerce and Industry is making efforts to keep the shelves full and prevent profiteering.

The prices of wines, sugar and meat are down. But the price of matza is up 45% over last year.

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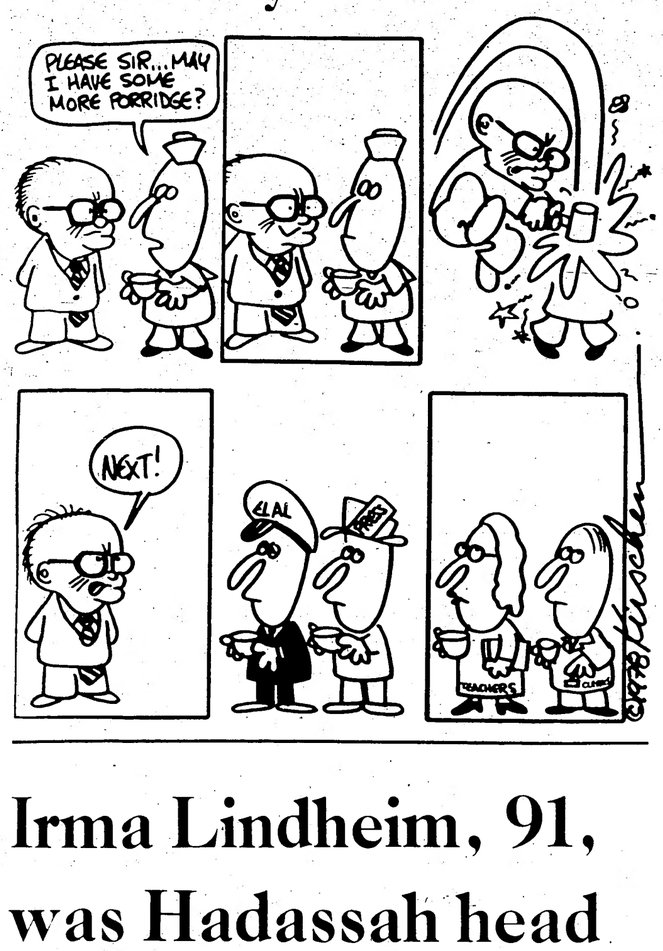
Dry Bones



Seamen's strike over

TEL AVIV [JCNS] —

Israeli seamen have returned to work after a strike which paralyzed the merchant fleet of some 100 ships for 80 days. It was one of the longest strikes in Israel's history of troubled labor relations, and the cabinet congratulated Meir Amit, the transport minister, for his firm handling of the stoppage.

The strike caused losses estimated at $20 million to shipowners and shippers, but this is the first time that the seamen, in their long series of disputes with the shipowners, conceded virtually all of the shipowners' demands.

It is also the first time that the government did not capitulate to the seamens' demands, which originally sought pay increases of 70% retroactive to 1976. The seamen also failed in their attempts to obtain payment for the time they were on strike.

The seamen, whose pay was estimated to be some 30% higher than that received by their counterparts in British ships, accepted the rise of 12.5% offered by the government and the shipowners.

The new agreements cut the seamens' interference in the management of the shipping companies, and emphasize discipline and the settlement of disputes by arbitration.

On the other hand, the shipowners will reinstate seamen dismissed during the strike, and the crews of ships which were sold because of the strike, will be offered jobs on new ships when they enter service.

Ships in port are unloading cargoes which were held up by court orders during the strike, and the first Israeli ship to said with a cargo since the strike left last week.

Urge full rights

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York, although the large body of the Israeli community was "just struggling to get by."

He said the majority of Israelis regarded their residence in New York as temporary. "Most believe that a stay in the United States or Canada will enable them to earn enough money to leap-frog over the economic difficulties in Israel once they return."

He noted that this intention to return tends to keep the Israeli community from mixing with the Jewish community at large. He also said that in the absence of strong religious affiliations, North American Jews and Israelis usually define their Jewish identity in very different ways.

Michel Chokron, a member of the board of directors of the Montreal YM-YWHA, told the JWB workshop that the large numbers of Moroccan immigrants who came to Montreal in 1956 and 1967 encountered a highly organized Jewish community, structured mainly around social services.

Chokron said that Moroccan Jews, who had formerly maintained a highly structured community along different lines, faced major difficulties in Montreal because of the standard "assimilationist approach" to new Jewish immigrants. He said the failure of the established Jewish community to consider both the Sephardic and French cultural needs of the Moroccan community had caused "tremendous problems of identity."

The result, he said, was a generation of Moroccan children who, either because of English language or Ashkenazi education, could not relate to the heritage of their parents. "This caused tremendous difficulties within the family and an assimilation rate out of Judaism of more than 50%."

Chokron said that since 1967, the Moroccan Jewish community has adopted an "integration approach" whose goal is to form a strong francophone Sephardic community within the larger Jewish community. He described the major effort being made to preserve the bond between Moroccan children and their parents, particularly through Ecole Maimonide, the leading Sephardic day school in Montreal, and Communauté Sepharde du Quebec, now an affiliated agency of Allied Jewish Community Services.

JDC distributes Pesach goods to Egyptians

NEW YORK [JCNS] —

More than 400,000 pounds of Passover supplies have been sent overseas this year by the Joint Distribution Committee.

The small Jewish community in Egypt received 1,000 kilos of matza, more than five pounds per person, for the small, aged community.

"The community did not have sufficient facilities for baking its own matza and asked the JDC to provide the needed supplies," Ralph I. Goldman, executive vice-president of the JDC, said.

JDC President Donald M. Robinson praised the Egyptian government for "facilitating the shipments of matza."

In all, the JDC shipped 367,000 pounds of matza, 47,000 pounds of matza-meal, 220 pounds of shmura matza and 31,000 bottles of sacramental wine to 10 countries: Romania, Greece, Lebanon, Tunisia, Poland, Morocco, Portugal, Yugoslavia, Spain and Egypt.

In addition, the JDC will hold a community seder in Vienna for 300-400 Russian Jews, who will have arrived in the west only a day or two earlier. Children's sedarim will also be organized.

Doctors give PM Begin clean bill

JERUSALEM [JTA] —

Premier Menachem Begin underwent four hours of intensive heart checkups at Jerusalem's Hadassah Hospital and was pronounced "a healthy man" at the end of them.

"All that we can say is that he is a very healthy man," said Prof. Mervyn Gotsman, head of cardiology at the hospital. The tests had been announced a day in advance to allay fears and speculations.

A hospital spokesman said the tests included treading a treadmill, electrocardiography under conditions of strain, echochardiography (transmitting impulses of ultra-sound through the body so that the intracardia structures reflect them) and myocardial scintigraphy (the radioactive examination of the function of the heart).

Begin was struck by a major heart attack last May, soon after his election victory, and suffered further complications during the summer. But since then he has been in good health.

Irma Lindheim, 91, was Hadassah head

NEW YORK [JTA] —

Irma Levy Lindheim, who became president of Hadassah in 1926 after Henrietta Szold, the organization's founder, went to Palestine, and served in that capacity until 1928, has died at the home of her daughter in Berkeley, Calif. She was 91 years old.

A staunch believer in the American pioneering spirit, Mrs. Lindheim identified the early struggle for nationhood in this country with the similar struggle of Jews in Palestine to create a national home.

A native of New York, trained in the field of child study and social service, she made her first trip to Palestine in 1925, visiting numerous Jewish and Arab settlements from Dan to Beersheba on horseback. A record of this trip was incorporated into her book, **Immortal Adventure** published by Macaulay's in 1928.

In 1922 Mrs. Lindheim entered the Jewish Institute of Religion in New York City, where she was accepted as a candidate for a rabbinical degree. From 1926 to 1928 she was, in addition to being Hadassah president, vice-president of the Zionist Organization of America and a member of the World Zionist Organization Actions Committee. In 1930, she joined Hashomer Hatzair. In 1932, she helped organize the League for Labor Palestine and in 1933 became a member of Histadrut.

After having made eight visits to Palestine in six years, Mrs. Lindheim settled there in 1933 as a member of Kibbutz Mishmar Haemek, on the slopes of Mount Ephraim, where she remained until her recent illness when she returned to the United States.

Post is critical of government's wage policy

Excerpts from an editorial in The Jerusalem Post, dealing with the rash of strikes that has broken out in Israel:

The obscurity that shrouds the government's wage policy seems to indicate that it has apparently learnt nothing from the mistakes of the previous government and has added some mishandling of its own. The result is that the economy now faces the threat of a wave of strikes in a number of vital sectors not less severe than the experienced before last year's elections.

The finance minister seems to believe that verbal toughness may pull him through, and that the so-called "success" with regard to the 11-week long seamen's strike can serve as a model for the public sector. If this is meant as a bargaining position, it displays a singular lack of sensitivity to the public mood and a failure to perceive that it has become outdated.

Instead of trying to hold on obdurately to a wage policy that has become unrealistic, Erlich would have been better advised to use a more generous offer as a lever to obtain the civil servants' agreement to loosen up the traditional rigid structure of the public service.

It might then be possible to introduce labor mobility within the entire sector, to break down at least some of the linkages of one group of workers to others — in short, to take a first step on the way to reforming the public service.

In such a package deal he will no doubt meet with opposition from workers committees, but he would equally stand a chance of obtaining agreement from others and, last but not least, support from the Histadrut.

Solidarity rally planned for Soviet Jewry May 21

NEW YORK [JTA] —

Solidarity Sunday, an annual rally on behalf of Soviet Jews, will be held May 21 at Battery Park, it was announced by Bronx Borough President Robert Abrams, chairman of the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry.

Last year the rally attracted more than 200,000 people and organizers are hoping for the same turnout this year.

According to Abrams: "The rally is being held this year to underscore Jewish solidarity and unity. Whether the cause be Anatoly Scharansky, who has been held for more than a year in a Moscow prison and faces charges of treason, or other Jews across the world who are persecuted, we will rally together to protest injustice wherever it exists and in whatever ugly form it manifests itself."

The case of Scharansky will be a major focal point for Solidarity Sunday. Although it was believed that Scharansky might have been brought to trial at an earlier date, according to Margy-Ruth Davis, executive director, "we have reason to believe that our efforts and the efforts of others involved in the Soviet Jewry movement may have helped postpone Scharansky's trial as Soviet authorities consider the implications it may have in the United States."

Solidarity Sunday is sponsored by the 85-member organizations of the Greater New York Conference.

British Jews request help

LONDON [JCNS] —

The Board of Deputies for British Jews has written to Ivor Richard, Britain's United Nations representative, asking him to ensure that the Palestine Information Unit, set up at the UN with a budget of $420,000, "does not become a vehicle for the propagation of the aims of the Palestine Liberation Organization or any of the other terrorist groups associated with it."

Michael Fidler, chairman of the board's foreign affairs committee, spoke in his letter of the "potential dangers of such a unit." He pointed out that the Foreign Office had given an assurance to the Zionist Federation that the British government would not co-operate with the unit.

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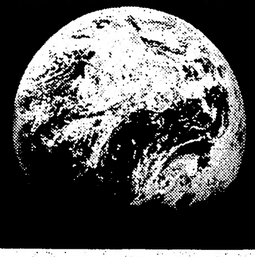

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THEY DEMONSTRATE FOR PEACE

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The new Peace Now movement gathered about 30,000 persons for a recent rally at the Tel Aviv Municipality Plaza. The group is calling for greater flexibility from the Begin government in meeting the peace initiative of Egyptian President Sadat.

Wolf prizes create furore

By GIL SEDAN

JERUSALEM [JTA] —

Awards totalling $500,000 were distributed here to nine internationally prominent scientists who are this year's winners of the Wolf Prize, established several years ago by an anonymous donor, which has become a source of sharp controversy in Israel.

President Ephraim Katzir absented himself from the festive awards ceremonies in the Knesset's Chagall Hall to protest the fact that the $10 million-fund administered by the Wolf Foundation is not earmarked for the encouragement of Israeli scientists.

There were no Israelis among the winners. Katzir appears to express the feelings of many Israelis that the Wolf Foundation duplicates the work of the Nobel Prize Committee.

The Wolf Prize is often described as Israel's Nobel Prize and, as such, has been the object of both praise and criticism. It is administered under the conditions laid down by the donor, who insisted on anonymity. The prize was given official state recognition when the Knesset approved it by a narrow margin in July, 1975, at the urging of the late Pinhas Sapir.

The awards ceremonies were to have been held at the president's residence and Katzir was to have presented the prizes. In view of his objections, the ceremonies were moved to the Knesset building and Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Shamir made the presentations.

Premier Menachem Begin was present, along with members of his cabinet and the Knesset, the diplomatic corps and relatives of the winners. The winners received cash awards of $100,000 which were shared in fields in which there was more than one award.

They are, in the field of agriculture: Prof. George F. Sprague of the University of Illinois, for linking theoretical quantitative genetic theory with practical plant breeding, resulting in modification of the protein quality of maize, and Prof. Emeritus John C. Walker, of the University of Wisconsin, for contributions to the control of plant disease and his book **Plant Pathology**, the standard text on the subject.

In mathematics: Prof. Israel M. Gelfand of Moscow State University, for his work on functional analysis and mathematical group representation. Gelfand, a three-time winner of the Order of Lenin and the Lenin Prize, did not attend the ceremonies; Prof. Emeritus Carl L. Siegel, of the University of Gottingen, for his contributions to the theory of numbers and complex variables. Siegel was represented at the ceremonies by the former German ambassador to Israel, Per Fischer.

In chemistry: Prof. Carl Djessari, of Stanford University, for synthesizing the first oral contraceptive. His parents live in Israel. In physics: Prof. Chien-Shiung Wu, of Columbia University, for her work in fundamental physics in which she demonstrated the correlation between the direction of the beta ray emission with the direction of nuclear spin, a relationship vital to the study of theoretical physics.

In medicine: Dr. George D. Snell, of the Jackson Laboratory, Bar Harbor, Maine, for discovery of the H-2 antigen in mice, a breakthrough in the field of immunology; Dr. Jean Dausset, of St. Louis Hospital, Paris and Dr. J.J. van Rood, of the University of Leiden, for their research into genetic factors affecting human acceptance or rejection of organ transplants and the possible role of these factors in the control or prevention of certain diseases.

Bank Leumi's assets grow by 86% to total of $9.9 billion

NEW YORK —

Consolidated assets of the Bank Leumi group grew in 1977 by 86.4% — to total $9.9 billion. The assets of Bank Leumi proper reached the sum of $8 billion — an increase of 85.1%, over the previous year.

In line with the group's policy to broaden its capital base in the light of rapid business developments, shares, capital notes and convertible options were issued last year.

Total capital funds (including reserves and surplus) grew last year by 116% over 1976. The capital funds of Bank Leumi proper came to $162 million.

Both the considerable relaxation of foreign currency controls at home and the expansion of Israeli overseas trade made for continued growth in the banks international business, says the annual report.

Overseas, the group now comprises 36 offices, including four banking subsidiaries operating a total of 19 branches, three overseas branches of Bank Leumi; a finance company; a securities investment and trading Corporation; 10 representative offices; a tourist and immigrant advisory bureau, and a banking agency in New York. The group's overseas staff numbers about 1,000, including 40 Israelis.

At the beginning of 1978, it opened an additional representative office, in Melbourne, Australia, thereby completing its presence on all the five continents of the world.

It also planned in 1978 to open a second in Paris and its 10th branch in New York State.

Beyond belief

LONDON [JCNS] —

American Jewish leaders had been "frightened beyond belief" when they saw how quickly banking and business interests were ready to draw up contracts with Arab customers containing discriminatory clauses against Jews.

This was stated here by Burton Joseph, the national chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith speaking at Hillel House to Anglo-Jewish leaders engaged in fighting the Arab boycott. (Burton later gave evidence to the House of Lords' Select Committee hearing evidence on the boycott.)

Independence Day budget is slashed to $1.2 million

By DANIEL SAVILLE

TEL AVIV —

Despite its decision to reduce expenditure on 30th anniversary celebrations due to heavy budget deficiencies, the Israel government has finally announced its plans in honor of the occasion.

With the originally proposed budget for the celebrations slashed from $5.5 million to a mere $1.2 million, the massive Independence Day parade has been reluctantly cut out.

One of the main features will be a reunion of all participants in Israel's fight for independence. Veterans of the Hagana, Lechi, and Etzel will assemble together in Jerusalem, side by side with the volunteers who came from the Diaspora to assist in setting up the state, and helped in bringing thousands of Europe's refugees to the then Palestine shores in defiance of the British Mandatory forces.

With the official Independence Day falling on a Wednesday evening (May 11) and Thursday, it has now been decided to make the celebrations a three-day affair, giving all non-essential employees the Friday off.

With emphasis on overseas information campaigns, a major focus this year will be the setting up of some 50 Independence Day celebration committees all over the world.

In the major capitals of the world, about 60 special supplements will appear in the local and national newspapers to mark the anniversary.

U.S. Vice-President Walter Mondale has consented to serve as honorary chairman of the American Salute to Israel Committee.

Prior to Independence Day, U.S. and Canadian coast-to-coast radio and television networks will air a special Salute to Israel program. Premier Begin will participate in a New York City parade. Similar parades will take place in large and small cities throughout the world with Knesset members, high-ranking army officers and other well-known figures taking part.

Throughout Canada, supporters of Israel have planned large-scale celebrations and festivities to mark Israel's entry into the fourth decade of its existence.

In Milan, Italy, the small Jewish community will have a festive picnic with special Israeli foods. In Antwerp, Belgium, the many Chassidim will stage a festival. In El Salvador, a forest will be planted in Israel's honor and one of the most important streets will be renamed David Ben-Gurion Boulevard.

The World Zionist Organization's plans for Independence Day include the mailing, by Israeli schoolchildren, of some 100,000 letters to Jewish children around the world, while at home, the children will plant forests in memory of the hundreds of thousands of young people who perished in the Holocaust.

And, in Israel, the joy will be mingled with sadness as people recall those many thousands of Israel's sons and daughters who gave their lives in the War of Independence, the War of Attrition, the Sinai Campaign, the Six Day War, the Yom Kippur War and all those who died at the hands of the terrorist attacks, and most recent of all, the soldiers who fell in the Lebanese incursion.

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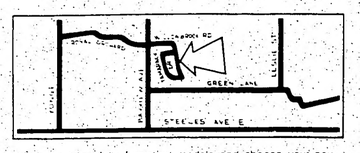

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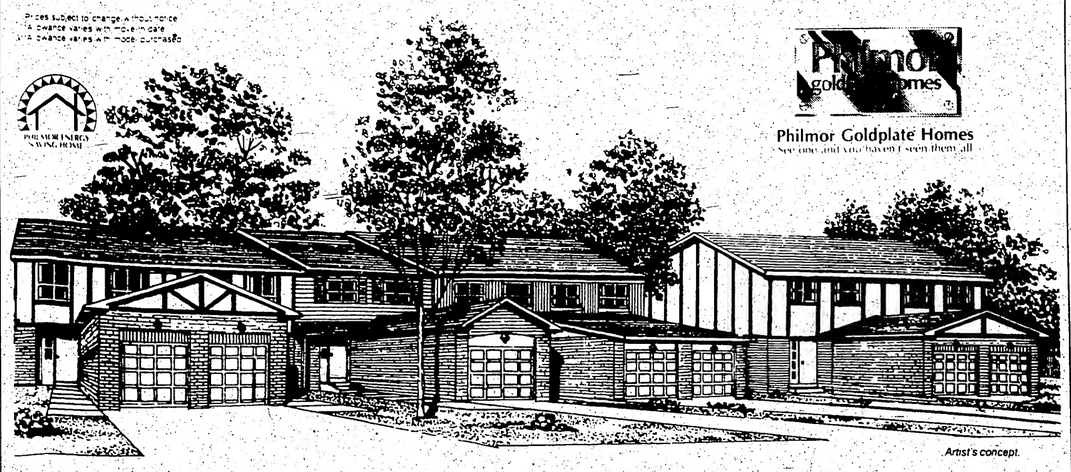

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National News

Eleven Canadian students from Toronto and Montreal were selected to participate at Yeshiva University's Scholars Program for outstanding male students at Jewish high schools through eastern Canada and U.S. Students and faculty members from left (rear): Robert Koppel, Hebrew Academy, Montreal; Zvi Hass, Hebrew Academy, Montreal; Joel Freedman, Irwin Yellin and Brahm Segal, all of Montreal's Herzliah School. Centre row from left: Lawrence Aronovitch, Herzliah; Rabbi Yehuda Mandelcorn, Hebrew Academy; Rabbi Menahem White, Herzliah; Manny Lowi, Billy Wisse, Jeffrey Krymalowski and Jeffrey Altmann, Herzliah. Front row from left: Mark Dodick, Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto; Rabbi Mitchell Serels of Toronto, associate director of Sephardic Studies Program, Yeshiva U, David Goodman of CHAT.

Greenberg is honored

By RUTH KAHANE

OTTAWA — A life dedicated to "people helping people" came to a climax for Mayor Lorry Greenberg last week.

About 500 friends and political associates filled the Jewish Community Centre to pay tribute to the city's top politician as he became B'nai B'rith Ottawa Lodge's Citizen of the Year.

"This is the most memorable evening of my life," Mayor Greenberg said in accepting the award.

He told the audience he has three great loves — his country, his city, and his family. As for the future, he said he has "no intention of leaving the political scene," despite the fact that he suffered a heart attack a few months ago.

Civic, provincial and federal politicians and Jewish community leadership praised the mayor's brand of leadership.

Calling him "Ottawa's irrepressible mayor", master of ceremonies Sol Shinder, an Ottawa developer, described the mayor's style as "informal but firm" in which "he puts political considerations first but doesn't allow political differences to interfere with personal friendships."

Three hours of speeches were punctuated by humor as old and new friends

Lorry Greenberg

told stories about "Killer Greenberg — the Fonz of York Street public school", the Grade 10 dropout who came a long way to become "His Worship the Mayor".

The Ottawa-born politician, who co-founded Minto Construction with his brother Gilbert (now president of the Ottawa Vaad Ha'ir), and served as company vice-president, left business to become active in community life, and later to enter municipal politics.

As a strong proponent of the cause of national unity, Greenberg was praised by federal Undersecretary Pierre Juneau, who worked with the mayor as chairman of the National Capital Commission, a federal post Juneau held until February.

Ottawa Deputy-Mayor Marion Dewar, an avowed long-time political ally of the mayor, he has given the city honesty, open government, and more citizen participation in local government than ever before.

Ottawa South MPP Claude Bennett urged the mayor to "take care of your heart, your heart is the heart of the city, and we want you to continue to be the heart of the community for a long time to come."

Irving Altman, BB District 22 vice-president, said "we see in you a perfect example of what B'nai B'rith is all about — people helping people."

Before entering political office, Greenberg served as chairman of numerous social agencies, including the Youth Services Bureau, the Home for Delinquent Boys, the Ottawa and District Association for the Mentally Retarded Residential Care Division, Canadian Mental Health Association Workshops, and director of Serenity Home, a treatment centre and home for alcoholic men.

In municipal politics, Greenberg has implemented a wage supplement program for welfare recipients, a landlord and tenant advisory bureau, Ottawa's first neighborhood rehabilitation program, clean-up programs for sewers and waterways, development of the Rideau Aquatic Park concepts, the Bank Street Mall, the new uptown core streetscape improvement plan and improved public transport measures.

He was also responsible for legislation outlining the rights of blind people using guide dogs in the city and for adoption of controls over the operation of body rub parlors in the capital.

The mayor was presented with a photographic portrait, and a $1,000 donation was made in his name to Participation House Project, a permanent home-workshop, recreation and therapy facility for handicapped young adults.

ottawa briefs

Is the mechitza in the way? If women laid tefillin, were given aliyas, and took the same role as Jewish men, would they be liberated? **Rabbi M. Mannes Friedman**, dean of the Women's Institute of Judaic Studies in St. Paul, Minn., doesn't think so. Addressing Young Israel of Ottawa at their recent shabbaton on women's liberation, the rabbi said external roles aren't the problem.

To be liberated means making an internal choice to live Jewishly based on education. Until the women's institute was set up about 10 years ago by the Lubavitch movement, women past the age for attending yeshiva had nowhere to pursue these intensive studies.

The first women who attended in the late '60s were radical feminists, the women of the early '70s were seeking fulfilment through Eastern spiritual paths, then through various diets, and today the women who come from a number of countries are professionals and in business.

What they find in becoming educated about their Jewishness, he said, is a means to fulfilment of their potential as individuals and as Jewish women.

Speaking from the pulpit in his first address of the day, the rabbi said he was surprised to find himself speaking "from the wrong side of the mechitza." There was a spontaneous chorus of agreement from the women's side.

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Roots: They couldn't get enough. Dynamic **Theodore Comet** of the Council of Jewish Federations based in New York met with Ottawa community leadership recently for a day of sessions.

The director of overseas services and leadership development involved the Ottawa Vaad Ha'ir women's committee, board of trustees, and leadership development groups in linking community life at the local level with universal Jewish concepts, to show the importance of current community work.

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Mental preparations: Plans are crystalizing for local celebrations of the 30th anniversary of Israel's independence in May. **Rabbi Roy Tennenbaum** is chairing the Ottawa Vaad Ha'ir-Canadian Zionist Federation plan for a three-day Trade and Cultural Fair at the Jewish Community Centre, May 8 to 10.

Sarah Vered lectured and gave a slide presentation on Israeli art to the Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation. It was an evening of "mental preparation" for the 30th anniversary Festival of Israeli Art. The Israeli art exhibition will be held in the salon of the National Arts Centre, May 5 to 29.

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UJA who's who: The 1978 UJA campaign general chairman is **Sol Shinder,** Gilbert Greenberg, president of the Jewish Community Council announced. In the campaign cabinet posts are: Chick Taylor, associate general chairman; Dorothy Nadolny, chairman women's division; Gdalya Rosenfeld, chairman public service division; Lisa Cogan and Ruth Miller, vice chairmen, women's division.

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ORT art: Bidding will begin at 8 p.m. at **Kadimah Chapter** ORT's art auction at Agudath Israel Synagogue, April 30. There will be several hundred lithographs, oils, and sculptures selected and auctioned by a National Art Gallery of New York art dealer. The entrance fee is only $1.

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Memory lane: Twenty-five years of graduates, former students, and friends of the **Ottawa Modern Jewish School** are invited to an anniversary party to be held April 30 at the Jewish Community Centre from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.

CORRECTION

On page 5 picture last week, man on right was incorrectly identified. He is Yehuda Avner, adviser to Premier Begin, not Harry Frank of Toronto. The CJN regrets the error.

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Lewis Moses has been selected as new president of the Canadian Zionist Federation, Central Region.

Herut's Lewis Moses named CZF's Central Region head

TORONTO —

Lewis J.E. Moses has been appointed president of the Canadian Zionist Federation, Central Region.

The former president of Herut Hatzohar has been the chairman of the CZF board and in that capacity served as head of the budget committee and as an active member of the CZF national executive.

Moses replaces Max Shecter, who had been regional president for five years. Shecter will retain his position of CZF national deputy president and will remain a member of the regional executive.

Moses is active in numerous fund-raising organizations in the Jewish community. He is on the campaign cabinet of the United Israel Appeal, is a member of the board of the United Jewish Appeal, vice-president of the Jewish national fund, member of the executive of Toronto Jewish Congress and member of the Board of Jewish Education. He is also involved with several other educational and philanthropic organizations.

A chartered accountant, he is a senior member in the firm of Hattin, Moses, Sugarman and Company. He is married with three children and three grandchildren.

Overcoming wide gap in services

Vaad Ha'ir helps the elderly

By RUTH KAHANE
[Third of three parts]

OTTAWA —

The Ottawa Vaad Ha'ir has begun to take first steps to overcome the wide gap in services for the elderly pinpointed by its 1976 social services needs study.

A pilot project begun in September to organize volunteer services for the elderly has stirred some community awareness of the problems, but only limited progress has been made in recruiting volunteers.

As of March 1, 22 volunteers had become involved in a friendly visiting program and of these, 10 have worked on an ongoing basis, says Lisa Garman, director of Services to the Jewish Elderly.

Volunteers have been recruited through synagogues, Jewish organizations, the Jewish Students Union, and advertisements in the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin and Review.

A volunteer bank, recently set up as a joint means of recruiting people to work for the Jewish Information and Referral Service, Jewish Immigrant Aid Service, and Services for the Jewish Elderly, may help to boost these numbers.

The friendly visiting program is being used as a basic reference point for developing further programs and current efforts are being focused on enlarging its scope.

The program can be used as a research tool, to see what other needs are within the home.

"But the main problem is just plain loneliness. Friendly visiting really zeroes in on this need, and is not just a one-way relationship," Mrs. Garman said.

Original plans to set up a volunteer transportation service and to look at the feasibility of beginning a kosher meals on wheels program have not materialized because of low volunteer numbers, she said. "We've had a lot of requests for transportation we couldn't fill."

Instead of taking meals to the home, the emphasis has been shifted to setting up a meals program in conjunction with the Golden Age Club, which meets weekly at the Jewish Community Centre.

Three nutrition-oriented demonstrations will be given by a nutritionist from the Ottawa-Carleton regional health unit at Golden Age Club meetings in April as a trial program.

About 100 people have called Services to the Jewish Elderly for help since it began "because they have nowhere to turn," and Mrs. Garman has "acted as a resource, telling them where they can get help or else providing help."

Though salaried only for two days a week, Mrs. Garman works every weekday morning and says "the job needs someone 10 days a week". Besides setting up volunteer programs, she has handled a number of time-consuming individual cases.

Ottawa Vaad Ha'ir estimates place the number of Jewish elderly over 65 at approximately 1,200, or about 15% of the Jewish population.

Of these elderly approximately 3% are in Hillel Lodge, another 6% belong to the Golden Age Club and about 3% are in secular nursing homes.

The other 88% or approximately 1,050 people still live at home or with their children and their social service needs still remain unknown.

A demographic study to be conducted by the Jewish Social Services Council in June will aim to assess the needs of senior citizens in all these situations by directly questioning about 250 people over 65 years old.

The study is expected to provide solid data as a basis for applications for government grants and for possible increased United Jewish Appeal funding, and will be used for future community planning.

"It certainly is a step forward. Doing such a study is an acknowledgement that senior citizens have needs that aren't being met," Mrs. Garman said.

An area of concern that will likely be clearly defined by the demographic study is the need for a Jewish nursing home and present improper utilization of the Hillel Lodge.

The lack of a Jewish nursing home has created a problem for Hillel Lodge, originally established as a home for the ambulatory without nursing care.

Out of 48 beds, 19 are now being used for people whose health has deteriorated to the point where they require private nursing care hired by the families, and Hillel Lodge has become a chronic institution.

"A stigma attached to the home has turned applicants away," according to the 1976 report. Hillel Lodge is actively looking for residents at present and is being underutilized, community leaders say.

The report said one of the few planned ongoing programs is bingo, which takes place every afternoon, and there is very little of any other programing, particularly in the evenings.

Mrs. Garman said Services to the Jewish Elderly has not yet been working in conjunction with Hillel Lodge, but would like to see eventual co-operation.

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Israeli therapy congress

TORONTO —

Approximately 2,500 overseas participants are expected in Tel Aviv, May 28 through June 2, for the eighth International Congress of the World Confederation for Physical Therapy.

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Pesach prayer for community in Syria

A special Passover prayer for the oppressed Jews in Syria has been composed by the National Committee for Jews in Arab Lands. To be recited immediately after Kiddush at the seders, the prayer reads: "Merciful God, on this night of Passover, our thoughts turn to the bitter plight of our brethren in Syria who have been robbed of their physical and spiritual freedom and whose daily lot is of oppression.

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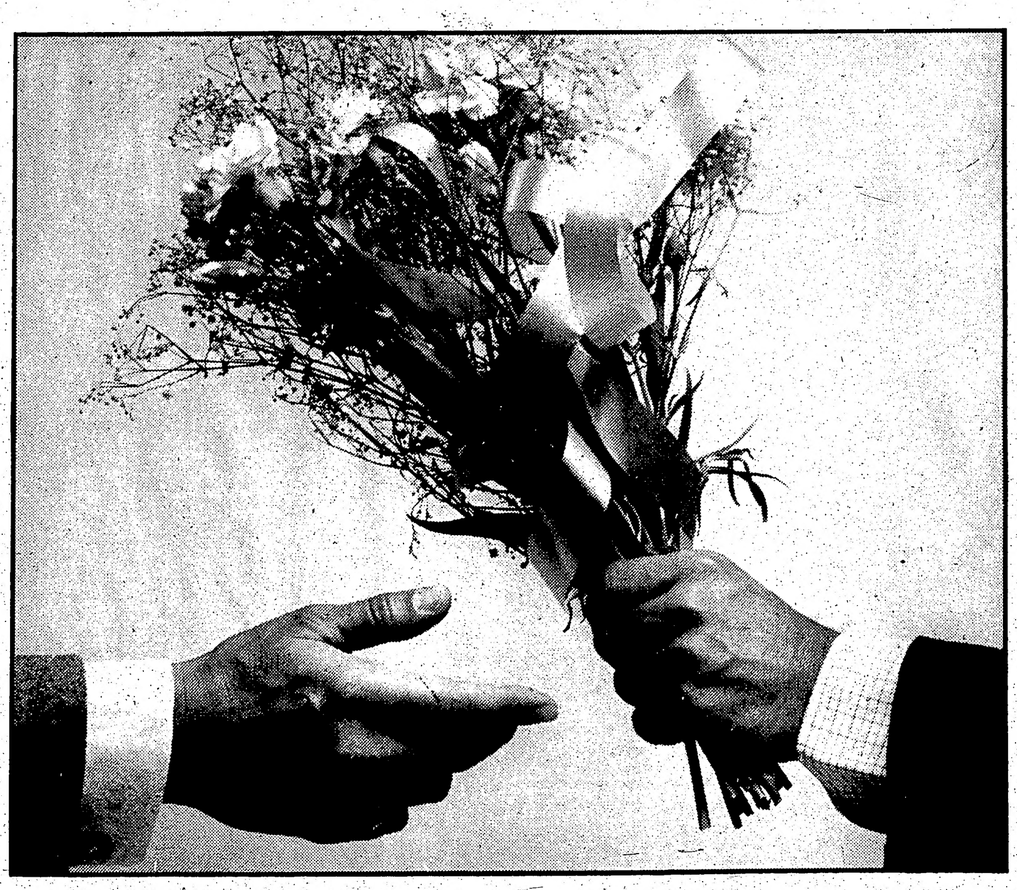

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Passover's message

Theology of peoplehood

Passover brings each year two important messages.

The first is that we Jews are a people and the second is that we are in history.

It is instructive to note that the Haggada enjoins the Jew to project himself back into ancient Egypt and imagine himself as a slave. That is to say, he must try to re-experience the anguish and the suffering of bondage. In Egypt we became a people by virtue of our travail. To relive that experience is to understand the birth pangs of the Jewish people.

The revelation at Sinai was a grand historical moment. A philosopher describes the glorious moment of contact between God and the Jewish people as epoch-making because it transformed the lives of the people.

But the Jew cannot stand at Sinai unless he has been in Egypt first. There can be no theology of revelation that is not rooted in the mud flats and flesh pots of Egypt. One cannot enjoy the luxury of proclaiming monotheism before one has participated in the confection of bricks and the sweat-producing toil of building the store cities of Pithom and Ramses.

For the last 250 years since Napoleon's Emancipation, mischievous interests have been trying to rob us of our peoplehood and of our history. "To the Jew as an individual, everything; to the Jew as a nation, nothing," said one ambiguous advocate of Jewish emancipation. The late historian Toynbee announced that Jews were "the fossilized relic of an ancient Syriac civilization."

On Passover the Jew enters theology only through the corridor of history and peoplehood. The obsessive preoccupation with the 'I' gives way to the 'we' as the Jewish people rehearses its ancient beginnings in Egypt. The people could not have withstood the thunder under God's mountain had it not gone through the fire of Pharaoh's persecution. Egypt was the first molder of Israel's destiny.

We do not suggest that Judaism is merely peoplehood. But to remove the people from Judaism is to remove the trunk and dote over the branches. A Judaism detached from the historical experience is dessicated — meaningless.

In an age when the young generation is involved in a search for goals, Passover reminds us that in the Jewish perspective the abstractions of theology alone cannot furnish satisfying provender. "Kol dichfin yattay veyaichol," says the Haggada. "Let anyone who is hungry come and eat, let anyone who is in need come and celebrate Passover." In that celebration the Jew re-enters the orbit of his peoples' history. "History," Burke said, "is a pact between the dead, the living and the yet unborn." On Passover the living Jew enters into communion with the first and preserves the memories for the third.

Lesson of Somalia

Debauchery's finale

In 1975 Somalia, with indecent enthusiasm and predatory instinct, introduced the infamous resolution linking Zionism with racism. "The resolution was introduced," said New York Democrat Daniel Moynihan, "by Somalia, an arrogant, ruthless Somalia proud to be the whore of Russia and proud of its associations with Cuba."

A few weeks before the collapse of Somali forces battling in the Ogaden the United States government was in receipt of an urgent request from the Somalis for the immediate shipment of arms. Facing the hapless Somali warriors was a coalition of Ethiopians, Russians and a Cuban expeditionary force.

During an exchange with Senator Thomas Eagleton, who was urging President Carter to authorize the transfer of weapons, Moynihan reminded his colleague that in 1975 he had warned that "small nations who take part in debauching the language of human rights will find their words returning to haunt them."

After some initial successes in their confrontation with the Ethiopians the Somalis were finally routed and driven out of the Ogaden desert region. Cuban troops, Russian advisers and Ethiopian regulars were just too much for them.

Before lending their name to the ignominious slander against Zionism the Somalis should have considered the words of the Psalmist: "Put not your trust in princes . . ."

Survival politics

What many observers have long suspected has now been confirmed by the Central Intelligence Agency. Although Israel denies it, the CIA states that Israel has already produced atomic weapons, partly with uranium it obtained by what is euphemistically called "clandestine means."

The CIA report is significant because it is believed to be the first government document that publicly identifies Israel as a nuclear power. There have been intermittent reports that Israel possessed the A-bomb, but they were of a fragmentary, uncorroborated nature.

The curious thing about all of this is the CIA's contention that Israel acquired the uranium — used to make A-bombs — through illegal means. The CIA stops short of spelling out the details, but they are not lacking.

Last April, Paul Leventhal, a former staff member of the House Government Operations Committee, charged that 200 tons of uranium ore had disappeared from a ship in 1968 and had almost certainly ended up in Israel. Some months later, the Energy Department made public two previously secret documents that suggested American intelligence agencies were aware that Israel might have obtained uranium in the mid-1960s from a government-sponsored nuclear facility in Apollo, Pennsylvania.

More recently, Carl Duckett, the CIA's former deputy director for science and technology, revealed that President Lyndon Baines Johnson had been informed by the CIA that Israel had nuclear arms, but instructed the agency not to release the vital information to the secretary of state or the secretary of defence.

In a recently-released book, **Operation Uranium Ship**, three journalists tell what they claim is the true story of how Israel got its uranium. Writing about it in The Globe and Mail, reviewer William French described the Israeli operation as rivaling the Entebbe assault: ". . . it was carried out with such chutzpa, against such high odds, that there must be admiration at least for the method, if not the motive," he wrote.

The book is fast-paced, entertaining reading, and provides a fascinating insight into Israel's efficient secret service. The story, in short, is how the Israelis commandeered a ship on the high seas and made it "disappear". It was all done in the interests of national security, we are told early on. After the Six Day War, France clamped a uranium embargo on Israel, thereby paralyzing Israeli efforts to develop an A-bomb. No one else would sell Israel the uranium, so a daring plan was conceived to get some.

Moralists in our midst might be repelled by the methods Israel used to waylay someone else's uranium, but they would do well to ponder the exigences of national survival in a world where interests, not morality, prevail.

A tentative dialogue

The movement toward Islamic-Jewish understanding — admittedly a tentative, groping affair — is a spillover from President Sadat's visit to Jerusalem and Prime Minister Begin's trip to Egypt.

Recently, a delegation representing the Synagogue Council of America conferred with Egyptian officials in Cairo. As a result of the unprecedented conversations, the way has been cleared for an exchange of professors. Under the agreement scholars in Jewish studies would give courses at the University of Cairo, while Egyptian academics would lecture on Islam at American colleges.

At the same time, the president of the University of Cairo, Soufi Abou-Taleb, agreed to initiate a Moslem-Jewish interreligious dialogue comparable to the discussions that have been taking place for years between Christians and Jews, and Butros Ghali, the minister of state for foreign affairs, suggested that a Jewish national museum be established in Egypt.

In light of 30 years of Arab-Israeli hostility, these are remarkable developments — developments that augur well for the goal of greater Arab-Jewish understanding.

The practical question at this point, however, is whether this ongoing, tentative dialogue can survive the vicissitudes of the long, drawn-out Arab-Israeli dispute. It would be nice to think that it can. But our guess is that dialogue may wither on the vine unless it is accompanied by solid achievements in Israeli-Egyptian negotiations.

Torn by political, ideological differences, Arab states find unity an elusive goal

mideast analysis

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

That most elusive of goals in the Middle East, Arab unity, is in tatters, and to most observers it appears unlikely that the Arabs will succeed in forming a viable coalition against their common enemy, Israel.

Arab unity, except during wars, has always eluded the Islamic states stretching from the Atlantic to the Euphrates. The reason is simple enough. Torn by political and ideological differences which few Westerners appreciate, Arabs have traditionally found it more expedient and profitable to attack each other than to unite against their Zionist foe.

In the face of Anwar Sadat's overture to Israel, the latest challenge to confront the Arab world, the Arabs have been unable to formulate a clear, unequivocal response. And the prospect is that they will fail in the attempt unless the Egyptian president is deposed or gives up in his effort to build bridges to Israel, and until the moderate Arab regimes join the rejectionists opposing an Arab-Israeli settlement.

(Religious News Service photo)
President Hafez Assad of Syria

(Embassy of Iraq, Ottawa)
President Ahmed Hassan Bakr of Iraq

Moreover, the rejectionists — Syria, Iraq, Algeria, Libya and South Yemen, not to mention the PLO — cannot hope to forge a common approach to Israel as long as each government has an ulterior motive for rejecting what Sadat feels is a policy of accommodation toward the Jewish state.

Since last November, the Arabs — rejectionists and moderates — have conferred on four occasions to try to "restore and strengthen Arab solidarity" shattered by Sadat's stance toward Jerusalem.

They met in Tripoli in December, in Algiers in February and in Damascus and Cairo last month. Symptomatic of their disunity of purpose was the fact that Iraq, which is vehemently anti-Sadat and anti-Israel, stalked out of the Tripoli conference and all but ignored the subsequent summits in Algeria and Syria, while Syria, Libya, Algeria and South Yemen boycotted the Cairo affair.

Equally indicative of the disarray in Arab ranks was that they failed to agree on any new moves to counter Sadat's "electric shock" diplomacy.

Clearly, as Syria's Defence Minister Mustafa Tlas pointed out, Egypt's diplomacy "has created great doubts as to the future of Arab solidarity." In an article for Tishrin, a Damascus newspaper, General Tlas remarked that "Arab unity is more important than the liberation of any occupied areas, because Arab unity is capable of restoring things to their normal course."

What he neglected to say in his analysis was probably more germane than what he included. That is, Arab unity will remain a hazy dream — a grand vision — if the Arabs themselves are confronted by a fundamental conflict of basic national interests, a divergence of views as to how to deal with Israel.

Examples abound: Egypt would rather build its weak economy than fight Israel. Cairo has opted out of the military dimension of the Arab-Israeli dispute and thereby weakened the Arabs in general. The moderates — Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Morocco, Tunisia and the Gulf states — wish to come to terms with Israel, albeit in their own way. But they doubt the wisdom of Sadat's strategy toward Jerusalem. Syria, nominally a rejectionist, falls between Egypt and Libya vis-a-vis its policy.

Geographically, Syria is the only rejectionist state whose frontier is contiguous to that of Israel and, therefore, the cautious rulers in Damascus take care to distinguish between theory and practice insofar as the destruction of the Jewish state is concerned.

Damascus is not necessarily against an agreement, provided its multi-faceted demands are met. And so, by definition, Syria does not see eye-to-eye with its so-called allies, which oppose any settlement falling short of PLO objectives. President Hafez Assad has denounced Sadat's policy towards Israel. At the same time, he feels somewhat uncomfortable with the shrill rhetoric voiced by the Libyans and the Iraqis. Assad does not fear a fair Arab-Israeli pact, but is afraid that a bilateral Egyptian-Israeli agreement would put his country at a great political and military disadvantage.

Unlike Syria, Iraq can afford to roil the waters because its border is hundreds of miles away from Israel's. President Ahmed Hassan Bakr justifies his refusal to participate at anti-Sadat forums by claiming that his fellow rejectionists have not been tough enough. But that is only part of the tale. Iraq and Syria are bitter ideological enemies, and Baghdad will continue to play the role of gadfly in the rejectionist camp unless its views are unanimously accepted. This is not likely to occur, further impeding the chances of a united Arab stand against Israel.

As for Algeria, its participation in the Front of Steadfastness and Resistance, as the rejectionists call themselves, is partly a function of its quarrel with Morocco over the future of the former Spanish colony in the western Sahara. Libya, of course, opposes Israel's existence, but Muammar Quadaffi spends more time plotting against Sadat and his friends in the Middle East.

The PLO represents another case of Arab indecisiveness, or lack of a common goal, toward Israel. Radical and moderate factions in the PLO denounce Israel's existence, yet the PLO is a "house divided", as one Israeli analyst put it. Nissim Rejwan observed recently: "Yasser Arafat and his Fatah group are leaning toward Sadat's peace camp, and George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine are sticking to their rejectionist position."

True, the PLO closed ranks after Israel's invasion of southern Lebanon. But it would not be surprising if the ideological differences between Arafat and Habash surfaced again. Arafat is a conventional nationalist with no revolutionary ambitions, while Habash is a Marxist whose venom is also reserved for conservative Arab governments.

In the short run, Israel benefits by Arab disunity, for a divided Arab world cannot successfully confront Israel. In the long run, however, Arab unity can be in Israel's interests because genuine peace in the Middle East can only be the outcome of general Arab acceptance of Israel's presence in the region.

To let Mideast peace slip by would sin against Auschwitz

By LEON WIESELTIER

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. —

Menachem Begin is negotiating with the Egyptians not merely as an Israeli but as a Jew. He culls his politics from history: a firm politics from a grim history. The past that exercises him is not so much the biblical bliss of Jewish sovereignty but rather a lachrymose history of the Jews in exile. Above all, he feels accountable to Auschwitz.

Remorselessly, he summons up the Final Solution at conference tables and state dinners and press interviews. Mr. Begin has concluded from the death camps that the Jews' vulnerability must end, that they must acquire for their state the strength it will need to ward off its enemies. Such a conclusion even Anwar Sadat appears prepared to accept.

But from Auschwitz Begin has also gleaned, like many of his damned and glorious generation, not just priorities but instincts — bitter and unslackening vigilance, distrust, self-reliance. The mentality of the survivor who has suffered too much to lay down his gun with ease.

Begin's cautionary evocations of Auschwitz may have been clumsy, but when Israel's destiny hangs in the balance such memories cannot be evaded, nor should they be. The trauma of the Jews must be honored.

The nations — certainly the Arabs — must be alerted to the macabre emotional moorings of Jewish politics, to the scars and fears that prey upon Jews without respite and inhibit them from entrusting their safety to the words of others. A people that has been to the other side of its own doom cannot be expected to play fast with what remains.

Begin is right to insist upon the pertinence of the past to Israeli thinking, as he was to insist that Sadat inspect the evidence of the torment, at Yad Vashem, the Holocaust memorial in Jerusalem.

It is, however, one thing to demand that the Jewish loss be respected, and another to hang such respect upon a specific policy.

Begin appears to believe that anything less than a hard line toward the Arabs would be a sin against Auschwitz. But such a vision of Auschwitz is incomplete and perhaps perilous.

The lesson of Auschwitz is not that Jews should conquer: They have never hungered for conquest. Nor is it only that Jews should fight, though fight they should when there is no other way.

The full lesson of Auschwitz is, rather, that Jews must no longer find themselves in a world in which all that remains for them are varieties of dying.

Six million murders are surely a mandate for life, for whatever Jews can do to see that they no longer exist in extremity, that guns are no longer trained upon their children. A mandate for peace, in short, and for the flexibility and reasonable risk it will take to gain it.

To let the present opportunity slip would be the real sin against Auschwitz. As would be the death of a single Jewish soldier fighting for the West Bank or Sinai, if the redisposition of these territories could have helped to end the 30 years' war.

In exile, peace was unthinkable for Jews, because peace requires some parity of power, and they were weak. In exile, their political responses were responses of weakness: prudence, suspicion, seclusion. But Jews now possess the power for peace, the power that could underwrite a judicious gamble for it. Of course, Israel's neighbors may prefer the conflict; Syria appears content not to quit it, and the unregenerately bellicose Palestine Liberation Organization is discouraging.

But Israel mocks its deepest aspirations — what Zionists used to call "the normalization of the Jewish people" — if it does not do whatever it can to strengthen the Egyptians willing to deal.

A new heroism is now required of the Israelis, and decidely not the heroism of the Warsaw Ghetto.

It would be tragic if Jewish history in this century were divided against itself, if the catastrophe that sired their state robbed Jews of the capacity to win for it its fullest being. Auschwitz may have made a martyr's psyche indelible on the very eve of its long-awaited obsolescence.

Nor is the past to which Begin points the entire story. If all that Jews could muster before danger were a stiff-necked refusal to surrender, they would not have survived. Beneath the obstinacy of harassed Jews, however, lay an unspoken but saving realism — an awareness that accommodation is not surrender, that pragmatism has its own nobility. At this moment of truth Begin would do well to heed also this part of his patrimony.

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Letters to the Editor

Plea for Syrian Jewry

Dear Editor:

It was four years ago that four young girls from Damascus were killed and mutilated while trying to escape the horror of Syria.

The Syrian Jews have both, in the past, and now in the present, suffered from severe persecution of their basic human rights.

As a Canadian citizen, I am fortunate to live in a country where the dignity and rights of a human being are upheld. However, my government is denying these same basic rights to people in other parts of the world.

One has only one life to live, and to live it as a persecuted individual without dignity, is an utter waste.

I, thus, urge the Canadian government to work for open emigration of Syrian Jews to a friendly country such as Canada, and for reunification of Syrian Jews with their relatives in Canada.

Rhoda Kirshin,
Toronto

Of Zionists and Jews

Dear Editor:

Ever since the establishment of the state of Israel, a Jew born in Canada is a Zionist.

A Canadian Jew is a Zionist, or a Zionist Jewish Canadian.

H. Max Seiden,
Toronto

(IPPA photo)
Tel Aviv citizens check their blood pressure in supermarkets — a service given without charge. The Magen David Adom is doing this in co-operation with the municipality of Tel Aviv. It is hoped by this program, people will be made more aware of good healthy habits.

Opinion

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WARTIME PASSOVER

Rabbi S. Gershon Levi conducts seder in London, England, in 1943 for Canadian and American Jewish soldiers.

Israel faces U.S. extortion, while Carter is rewarding Sadat's intransigence

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By GEORGE F. WILL

The Carter administration has focused its moral microscope on the Middle East and decided that Israel, which for 30 years has sought negotiations with its neighbors and has received from them four wars, is an obstacle to peace.

The administration has been erratic but consistently wrong. It was wrong to put the misnamed "Palestinian issue" at the top of the agenda, wrong to try to install the Soviets as peacemakers, wrong to court the extremists, Syria and the Palestine Liberation Organization, and wrong to press for a "comprehensive" peace process that would give maximum leverage to extremists at the negotiating table. By branding Menachem Begin an obstacle to peace, the administration now has rewarded the intransigence of Egypt's Sadat and Jordan's Hussein, and has nourished their hope that the U.S. will extort from Israel what they have been unable to win in battle and are unwilling to discuss in negotiations.

Obstacle to peace

The administration says the burden is on Israel to bribe Sadat back to the negotiating table. But Israel has put on that table a proposal for concessions in the Sinai more sweeping than any previous Israeli government ever proposed. Sadat, who has no standing to negotiate about anything but the Sinai, refused to negotiate until Israel makes concessions about the West Bank. Unwilling to admit that Sadat's intransigence is the only obstacle to negotiations about the Sinai, the administration calls Israel intransigent about the West Bank. But Hussein is the only obstacle to West Bank negotiations. There also is confusion about the legal status of the West Bank, the way UN Resolution 242 applies to it, and Israel's right to police it.

Eugene Rostow, Yale law professor and former under secretary of state, says: "The West Bank and the Gaza Strip (unlike the Sinai) are not recognized territories of any sovereign state. They are parts of the Palestine Mandate, an area which until 1946 included Jordan, Israel, and the territories in dispute between them . . . The mandate is a continuing trust of an international character, like the mandate for German Southwest Africa, now called Namibia. The continued vitality of the Palestine Mandate as a trust is confirmed by Article 80 of the UN Charter and the most recent advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice in the Namibia case.

"The territory of the mandate is Palestine, and those who have the right to live there are 'Palestinians' —Christian, Moslem, and Jewish alike. Jordan held the West Bank as the military occupant between 1948 and 1967 after a war of aggression. Although Jordan sought to annex the West Bank in 1951, only two countries recognized that annexation. None of the other Arab states has recognized Jordanian sovereignty there.

"Israel's claim to the area under the mandate is at least as good as that of Jordan: some experts consider it to be better, because Israel occupied the area in 1967 after a war of self-defence. I myself transmitted the Israeli message to Hussein in 1967, promising him immunity if he did not join the Six Day War. If he had stayed out of the war, he would hold the West Bank and Old Jerusalem today."

Israel has never tried to annex the West Bank. For demographic reasons it could not do so and remain a Jewish state. And the administration is simply wrong in saying Israel's West Bank settlements are "illegal." The mandate is an international trust for the benefit of Jewish as well as Arab inhabitants of Palestine, and Israelis have a right to settle there until Israel and Jordan negotiate disposition of the territory.

A matter of justice

Resolution 242 anticipates negotiations between the only states concerned, Israel and Jordan, and requires changes in the 1967 lines to provide "secure and recognized" borders. Sadat says, as Arabs always have, that 242 requires Israel to retreat to the 1967 lines. But 242 was painstakingly negotiated for five months in 1967, and Sadat's interpretation is inconsistent with the interpretation shared by all members of the Security Council that passed it.

Sadat's policy amounts to asserting Jordanian sovereignty in the West Bank, which the U.S. has refused to do for 27 years. As Rostow says, "as a matter of justice and political judgment, Resolution 242 does not demand that Jerusalem be split again, and sealed with machine guns, nor does it drive Israel back to live in a coastal strip 10 miles wide whose outlines were fixed by nothing more rational than the battles of the first Arab-Israeli war in 1948."

Begin's opening proposal for negotiations calls for self-rule for West Bank Arabs, continuing Israeli responsibility for security, and review of all matters after five years. The administration praised Begin's proposal in December but disdains them in March. Not surprisingly, Hussein refused to negotiate. He has noticed that Sadat, who also refuses, is liked at the White House and Begin, who longs to negotiate, is not liked.

Actually, Begin's West Bank proposal jeopardizes Israel's security because it does not even make self-rule (a problematic concept in any case) contingent upon border revisions that correct the irrational lines left by the 1949 armistice. Under Begin's proposals, sooner or later self-rule probably would produce a vote for complete independence; if Israel resisted, there would be violence and uproar; if Israel agreed, the entity would separate along Israel's 1967 borders, which are indefensible.

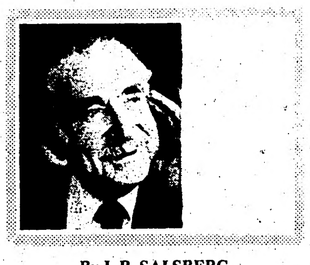
Anyway, neither Hussein nor Israel wants an independent state there. Jordan has no legal right to the West Bank, and its behavior as the military occupant (its desecrations including paving roads with Jewish tombstones) vitiated its moral claims. But perhaps Israel and Jordan can negotiate modifications of the 1967 lines and the right of Jews to live in the modified West Bank entity, loosely associated with Jordan and linked economically with Israel. Until Hussein will negotiate, Israel must govern the West Bank.

Stop pressuring

Until 1967, the West Bank was like southern Lebanon, a source of terrorism. Today the administration believes Israel is unreasonably determined to police the West Bank. The administration should read the note Secretary of State Robert Lansing delivered to the Mexican envoy in Washington on June 20, 1916: "Bandits have been permitted to roam at will through the territory contiguous to the United States . . . it has been thrown into a state of constant apprehension and turmoil because of frequent and sudden incursions . . . It is unreasonable to expect the United States to withdraw its forces from Mexican territory . . . when their presence is the only check upon further bandit outrages."

When Hussein negotiates, Sadat will have to stop savoring his press clippings and start living up to them. Until Hussein negotiates, and to convince him that he must, the administration should stop pressuring America's ally of shared values. In case the administration can't spot it, it is the small democracy.

Let us all remember Warsaw Ghetto revolt



By J. B. SALSBERG

Tonight Jews around the world will, as they have done from time immemorial, celebrate the beginning of Passover, the most welcome and most joyous of Jewish holidays.

Little wonder that that is so, for Passover coincides with the end of winter and the renewal of nature's promise for abundance and continuity of life.

But above everything, Passover celebrates the historic event of some 4,000 years ago when our forefathers broke the chains of Egyptian slavery and began their long march towards freedom and nationhood.

As a youngster, I used to wonder why some elders put on the kittel before they begin to conduct the seder — the thrilling recitation and the dramatized re-enactment of the events that are related to the miraculous exodus from Egypt.

I was told that there was more than one explanation for the wearing of the kittel, which is a simple, white, overgarment that is not unrelated to the shroud, in which the Jewish dead were buried throughout the ages.

Some maintain that the kittel is to remind us — even on the most joyous occasions — of the sombre aspects of life and of the ultimate end of all of us. Others believe that the kittel, which also used to be worn by the groom and the chazanim on Yom Kippur, was a sign of akiness to royalty.

But I doubt whether my father or Reb Itche Meyer Korolnek, whom I admired as a Ba'al Tefilla, thought of the kittel in terms of kinship with royalty. Both of them sighed deeply when they put on that garb as, indeed, did the groom when he prepared himself to walk to the chupa. The kittel reminded them of our collective pains and sufferings, as well as of their own personal need for humility.

All of this meditation was prompted by the realization that tonight is also the 35th anniversary of the heroic and truly awe-inspiring, organized Jewish uprising against mighty armed forces of Hitlerism. The immortal heroism of the Warsaw Ghetto fighters began during the first seder night 35 years ago.

The last remnant of the once great Warsaw Jewish community rose in sober awareness of what their action meant. There was not hope of winning the life-and-death struggle. It was, nevertheless, undertaken as a sacred duty in defence of the dignity of Jewry and of mankind. It was a suicidal action of the remaining few thousand in the hope that the fires of the ghetto would signal to all who were groaning under the Nazi occupation to rise up and battle the beastly enemy.

It was also a determination to make the murderers pay dearly for every Jewish life that they were destroying. And it was the commanding, clarion call to this and future generations never to forget and never to permit genocide to raise its head anywhere on this earth.

The Nazis had plotted to begin the final liquidation of the Warsaw Ghetto on the very night of the celebration of the ancient liberation. The reports of the enemy's approach reached the underground command post at 2 a.m. of April 19, 1943. Fifteen minutes later all of our heroic groups were at their battle stations. The attackers suffered great losses and were forced to retreat.

The band of defenders became smaller, of course, but not before May 10 — with the entire ghetto in ruins and in flames — was the organized resistance battle over.

Is it right to dampen our spirits on so happy an occasion as Passover? I solemnly believe that it is proper. More, that we are dutybound to do so.

The monumental significance of the uprising must never be allowed to fade from our memories and from the memories of all who will follow us.

The ghetto uprising has become the symbol, the highpoint, of the entire tragic Holocaust period. It sanctified all the losses that we suffered. It was a sign of assurance that human dignity had not been entirely lost even in the bloodiest and cruelest era of civilization — the black era of Nazism.

So, let us celebrate the Passover as our ancient customs prescribe. It is a joyous occasion. It is the celebration of our liberation.

But let us also put on the kittel — the real or the figurative one — to remind us of the sacred revolt in the Warsaw Ghetto that began 35 years ago, this very night.

Freedom not an end in itself

By RABBI SELIG KOROLNEK

Nothing moves man more than an idea, and few ideas have turned man more than the idea of freedom. Many are the examples in history of fights for freedom, by individuals, groups and even nations, but none has so captivated the minds and hearts of countless generations, or inspired mankind than has the struggle for freedom by the Jews in Pharaoh's Egypt.

But few people have taken note of the qualities that freedom must possess to succeed. Why is this freedom attained by the Jews in Pharaoh's Egypt different from all other freedoms acquired throughout history? Many who have looked to this grand Exodus as the shining example, so difficult to emulate, did so with the usual jaundiced eye of the disoriented; they saw only the outer shell without perceiving the inner spirit.

There are two kinds of freedom. There is freedom to be free **from** something, and there is freedom to be free **for** something. The second freedom was the kind enjoyed by the Jews of Pharaoh's Egypt, which we relive and rededicate each Pesach. Many who looked to this grand Exodus as the shining example so difficult to emulate failed to note this distinctive characteristic, that the Jews wished freedom for something — for the opportunity to serve the Almighty to the fullness of their capacity. It is for this reason alone that their freedom rings true and everlasting.

Many who looked for inspiration saw only the external factor, and took up the cry of freedom before knowing what kind of freedom they wanted, or what freedom was to mean to them, or, most important, what they would do with freedom once acquired.

The result of these attempts? The pages of history are strewn with the pieces and fragments of bloody destructiveness by people gone wild with freedom. There is nothing as priceless as freedom. But the pricelessness explains why the strongest of controls are required over this incalculable commodity. He who demands freedom must first be able to show what he intends to do with it.

The Jews of Pharaoh's Egypt came to Pharaoh with the request, stated by Moses and Aaron in the name of the Almighty: "Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto Me in the wilderness." (Exodus 5:1) This is no idle request, simply "we want freedom". This was a request with a stated purpose. The Jews wanted to hold a feast, but it could not be done as long as the Jews were restricted in Egypt. To hold the feast, they first had to have freedom.

This freedom, then, was not an end unto itself, but a means for a Divine end, the holding of a feast unto the Almighty. This is why their freedom rings true and everlasting. It was ultimate purpose — the serving of the Almighty — that gave substance to their freedom.

The Festival of Pesach summons us to renew our struggle for freedom. I hope and pray that the year 5738 will bring freedom and peace, not only to Israel, but also to the whole world.

Rabbi Korolnek is spiritual leader of Congregation B'nai Israel, Cambridge, Ont.

Letters to the Editor

Rebbitzin's book a realistic portrayal

Dear Editor:

I hope that Rabbi Bernard Baskin's defensive review of **Rachel The Rabbi's Wife** does not deter anyone from reading this delightful book.

As a former resident of a small-town Jewish community, I would not consider Rachel a self-hating Jew. She just tells it as it is.

Jewish communities in small centres are often provincial, intensely conformist and resentful of anyone who questions their values or simply tries to be his own person.

An influential — meaning wealthy — group, oft-times insensitive and anti-intellectual, represents the power in most organizations, especially the synagogue. The rabbi is seen as an employee rather than a respected spiritual leader.

This book gives us an intimate look at the day-to-day lives of a very human rabbi who tries to teach the true meaning of religion to an uncomprehending congregation and a rebbitzin who has a great deal to offer but is considered an enigma because she isn't typical.

This is a realistic portrayal written with much humor. Those who are offended might perhaps begin some soul-searching.

Ruth Brown,
Toronto

Kudos to library

Dear Editor:

I am writing to let you know how favorably surprised and impressed I was with the great change I found in the Jewish Public Library, when returning to it several months ago as a reader, after a few years' absence.

The number of books available has grown immensely and the co-operation of the enlarged staff to assist the readers and students in finding their topics is admirable. It is inspiring to see all the enjoyment of literature that is obviously now going on in its pleasant modern surroundings, from "little school folk" to post-graduate serious researchers and authors.

The outstanding technical change that has made this all possible is the new system that has been instituted to change from a "no-catalogue-library" to a complete and detailed American Library of Congress system, so that finding a subject now is relatively simple. But the conversion has not been so simple and I understand that the task has been going on for a couple of years. However, under the patient supervision of Rebecca Landau, great strides are being made and I am happy to be one of the volunteers now, aiding her in her herculean task.

Moreover, being a volunteer can be a two-way road. Book lovers, such as myself, can show their appreciation by giving a few hours weekly and have in return the pleasure of working with such a congenial library staff amidst such literary surroundings. Moreover, some of the volunteers are library science students enrolled in local colleges and find our library of great benefit for practical "experience on the job", since most of the other city libraries are "unionized" and do not take volunteers.

I have urged my children to rejoin the Jewish Public Library and would recommend the same to the general public. The library deserves all the interest and support that can be mustered as members, readers, volunteers or financial aid. I am sure a visit to the up-dated library will leave everyone as pleasantly surprised as I was.

Mollie Blum,
Toronto

(IPPA photo)

Premier Begin, wearing the crew's cap, visits the USS Nimitz, the largest nuclear-powered aircraft carrier in the world. The 90,000-ton vessel was in Haifa for a five-day courtesy call. U.S. officers and Israeli officials got together for a number of meetings.

From the Ottawa Jewish Historical Society archives come these photos. At top left are delegates to the 17th biennial national convention of Canadian Young Judea in the capital in 1947. Below, this 1923 picture shows gathering of the Yiddish Literary and Dramatic Society of Ottawa. In photo top right, the young man wearing a cap on the extreme right, third row from the top, went on to become one of the most widely-recognized persons in the world. Thanks to Bonanza, Lorne Greene achieved success. He is seen with the fellow students in the Yehoash Folk Shule, 1930. Posing in front of the Parliament Buildings are the delegates to the national Zionist organization convention in 1931. In front row, 12th from the left, is Harry Batshaw, now a Quebec province judge. The Canadian Jewish News thanks the Ottawa Jewish Historical Society, Hugo Levendel and Shirley Berman for these photographs.

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ORT opens "Torah and Technique"

"Torah and Technique" is the first school in Europe to combine technical training with a complete program of Jewish religious instruction. Begun in the fall of 1977, the new program is part of the Toulouse ORT Centre in Toulouse, France.

The original school, in operation for many years, is a standard ORT centre with a technical high school program for teenagers, and an evening vocational training program for adults. Like all ORT schools, it gives its students about six hours of Jewish education a week.

The new facility gives 20 hours of Jewish studies and 30 hours of technical studies weekly. It was opened for youngsters who, while they want a complete technical education, also want more religious instruction than is ordinarily given in ORT schools. Its graduates, like all graduates of ORT high schools, will be fully qualified for jobs in their field.

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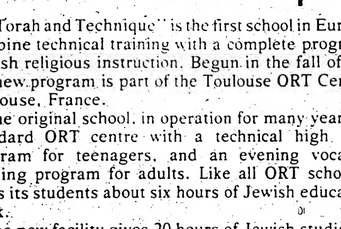

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Montreal youngsters gather around 30th birthday cake for Israel at Israel Fair at Share Zion Congregation. Event attracted 4,000.

Reaching 10,000 mark

Upsurge in membership reported by B'nai B'rith

By MIRIAM CHINSKY

TORONTO — B'nai B'rith District 22, with 75 lodges for men in the five eastern provinces, is close to reaching the 10,000-member mark.

There is a noticeable upsurge in the smaller communities where increased interest has led to the formation of several new lodges. Charters have been granted recently to Moncton, Bytown in Ottawa, and Bay Cities in the Burlington-Oakville region. Moncton, with a city population of less than 60 Jewish families, has a lodge membership of 40.

B'nai B'rith strives to maintain a sense of identity and a synagogue link for Jews in widely-scattered locations, according to organizers. Lecturers are sent out, and in one isolated northern Ontario settlement, the organization paid a leader $6,000 annually to make possible the religious education of exactly three children.

The presence of B'nai B'rith in small population areas creates goodwill and respect. In keeping with the motto, 'People Helping People', assistance is offered locally. Scholarships are endowed, swimming pools built and hospital equipment donated.

In Chatham, Ont., where there was no greenbelt, lodge members have installed a park and see that it is serviced each year. Residents of a provincial St. Catharines senior citizens' home are bussed in for visits with their counterparts at Baycrest Jewish Home for the Aged in Toronto.

Frequently, there is cooperation between B'nai B'rith and other service or church groups to provide a facility for the hometown.

But the story of B'nai B'rith is not only in the small communities. Growth and enthusiasm are also evident in the cities.

"A new emphasis on athletics is attracting the young professionals and businessmen," notes Jerome Zwicker, district membership chairman. Adult membership is now open to those 18 and up.

Jerome Zwicker

Sports programs encompass golf, hockey, basketball, tennis, and of course bowling, a perennial favorite.

In Toronto, Chesswood Arena accommodates a Sunday morning hockey league, basketball is played in the high schools, and Wingfield Racquets Club sets the scene for tennis tournaments.

Community service continues and there is greater diversity in other spheres. Adult Jewish education offers seminars, the League for Human Rights (formerly Anti-Defamation League) holds programs and strong efforts are made on behalf of Soviet Jewry.

In Quebec, B'nai B'rith membership remains stable. Montreal is well-represented by Harvey Crestohl, president of the district and Nat Koby, a vice-president who has been international membership winner several times and personally signed up 150 new members this year. City lodges are currently involved in a mammoth program to provide Passover baskets for needy families.

And there are special interest lodges. Most of the 22 members of Terra Nova in St. John's, Nfld., are academics from Memorial University. In Toronto, Loge Egalite draws the young French-speaking crowd, and La Fraternite, also for those whose language is French, has a mixed age membership primarily from the Middle East. Newcomers from the southern hemisphere can join the Spanish-speaking Latin America Lodge.

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Dr. Ron R. Rozin

Red Cross solution sought

MONTREAL [Staff] — The new chairman of Magen David Adom, Dr. Ron R. Rozin, is hopeful a solution will be found that will permit Israel's admission into the International Red Cross Society.

Since the quadrennial meeting of the International Red Cross last October in Bucharest, a committee has begun meeting to study the cases of Israel and other countries who do not wish to use the cross as their emblem.

The red crescent of certain Arab countries and the sun and lion of Iran are accepted by the International Red Cross because those countries joined almost 90 years ago before the prerequisites for joining the society had changed. When Israel became a state in 1948 it was barred from membership.

"Israel is not the only country that does not want to use the cross as an emblem. Malaysia has both a Christian and Moslem population and is having problems there. It has been suggested that an international emblem be created. Israel would accept this," said Dr. Rozin, who is chief of surgery at Hadassah Hospital in Tel Aviv.

Any decision, however, will have to wait until the next quadrennial in 1981. MDA, which meets every prerequisite other than the emblem, will remain an observer at all International Red Cross functions.

"There is no reason under the sun why we should not be admitted and take our place among the nations," he said.

Dr. Rozin was a field hospital commander during the Six Day War and chief surgeon at Israel's largest military hospital during the Yom Kippur War.

He was in town to address the inaugural meeting of Canadian Red Magen David for Israel (CARMDI), whose national headquarters will be located in Montreal. MDA already has overseas partners in 14 other countries including France, Great Britain, West Germany and the United States.

MDA is by law in charge of all ambulance and blood supply services in Israel. In June work will begin on a $10 million national blood bank near Tel Aviv to meet Israel's needs through the '80s and '90s.

MDA's expertise in handling mass casualty situations came into focus after the PLO bus massacre on the road between Tel Aviv and Haifa, said Dr. Rozin. Fifty-four ambulances and 110 medics were rushed into the area. Fifty-seven wounded were evacuated from the site and 300 pints of blood supplied to the hospitals where they were taken.

French-Canadians' disease identical to Tay-Sachs

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — A team of researchers associated with the Montreal Neurological Hospital has identified a hereditary disease among certain French-Canadian families from eastern Quebec that is identical, according to all laboratory tests, to Tay-Sachs disease.

The results of the team's two-year screening program showed that 18% of the 618 individuals tested, all related in some degree to an infant known to have been born with the disease, were Tay-Sachs carriers.

The high carrier rate in this area came as a surprise to the researchers. The 18% rate is 20 times that of French-Canadians in the Montreal area and twice as high as the frequency in Ashkenazi Jews in general.

A report of the screening program is carried in the recently-published medical text, **Tay Sachs Disease: Screening and Prevention**, based on the first international conference of the disease held last year in Palm Springs, California.

Since the turn of the century, over 100 cases of Tay-Sachs disease have been reported around the world in non-Jewish children. Studies have been made of isolated communities in Japan and Switzerland and among the Pennsylvania Dutch of those with Tay-Sachs symptoms. The MNH program, however, is the first to confirm, enzymatically, that the symptoms are indeed of Tay-Sachs and not of a variant disease.

The other studies of non-Jews with Tay-Sachs symptoms found an average carrier rate of 15% and these, of course, were never confirmed as Tay-Sachs.

The results of their program, say the researchers, bring into question previous estimates of the ratio of carrier frequency between Ashkenazi Jews and non-Jews with Tay-Sachs.

Members of the team are Dr. Charles R. Scriver of the Montreal Children's hospital, who is a pioneer in Tay-Sachs screenings; Dr. Leonhard S. Wolfe, a neurochemist; Dr. Frederick Andermann, a neurologist; Dr. Eva Andermann, a neurogeneticist, and Linda Dansky, her assistant.

The comparatively high incidence of Tay-Sachs disease, a fatal degenerative disorder of the nervous system, in eastern Quebec over the years prompted the team to develop a screening program for French-Canadians in order to find carriers and through follow-up counselling prevent the birth of any more affected babies.

In the 10 years preceding the program, the researchers discovered seven French-Canadian families, with no known Jewish ancestry, who had 12 children with what appeared to have been Tay-Sachs. Five families with eight affected children were found to have classic Tay-Sachs genes, while the other two had a variant called Sandhoff's disease.

The families studied originated from the north and south shores of the St. Lawrence River, east of Quebec City. Most of the 618 relatives of the five families that had a history of Tay-Sachs were screened in three extensive field trips held at Ville Degelis on the road to New Brunswick, in Arvida in the Lac St. Jean-Saguenay region, and in Sayabec on the way to the Gaspe. Each town is about 350 miles from Montreal.

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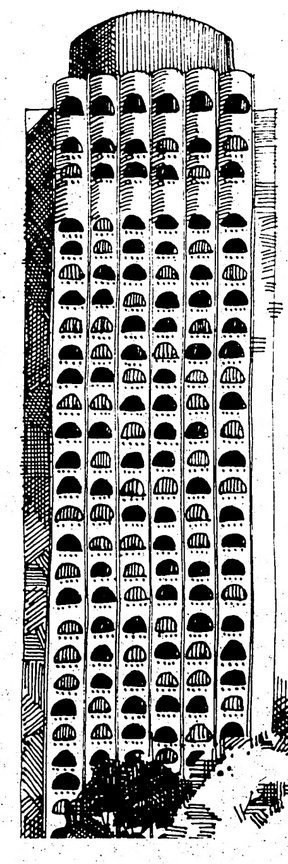

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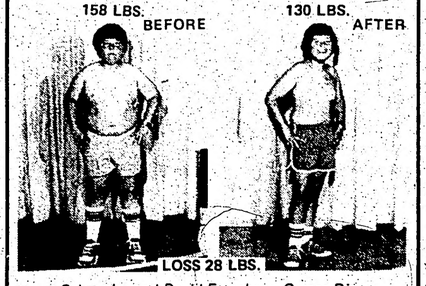

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Organizations and People

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By MIRIAM HERMAN

CBC PROGRAM OF INTEREST

If you're at home this Sunday, the 23rd, at 3 p.m. tune in to CBC radio, 740 on your AM dial, for the program **Identities.** It features the Toronto Hadassah-WIZO choir conducted by Varda Hall Berenstein and accompanied by pianist Sara Barkin Sandler, plus a segment on Sephardic Jews — their early immigration to Canada on the '50s and their music — put together by freelance broadcaster Raphael Bendahan.

CONCERT AT THE 'Y'

That same evening (the 23rd) Springfest, the live concert series presented by the CBC, in conjunction with the Leah Posluns Theatre, continues with Israeli pianist Elyakin Tausig. That's at 8 p.m. at the theatre.

DISCUSS NBC'S HOLOCAUST

With NBC's four-part television drama **Holocaust,** bound to raise some pertinent questions, Holy Blossom Temple has scheduled a colloquium for Monday, the 24th, at 8:30 p.m., with Rabbi Harvey Fields commenting on the program, followed by group discussions.

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To help bring music to your seder, there's **Songs to Sing at Your Seder,** the cassette tape of Passover songs led by Holy Blossom's Cantor Sheldon Merel. Pick one up at the Negev Book Store... Incidentally, did you know that the cantor provided background singing for Harry Rasky's Oscar-nominated film, **Homage to Chagall?**

Something a little different in gift ideas are the kosher Pesach candy trees available from Crusades Against Leukemia. They can also be used as table centres. All proceeds go to leukemia research. Order by calling 889-4461.

NFJA MEETING

Canadian poet Irving Layton is to be the guest speaker at the New Fraternal Jewish Association Holocaust memorial meeting slated for this Tuesday, the 25th, at 8:30 p.m. at 120 Overbrook Pl. His topic — **The Jewish Experience,** plus readings from his book, **The Covenant.**

PROGRAM IN DANCE

A special event being presented by the 'Y's program in dance is the appearance of a new young group of dancers, Ace Buddies, who will be performing in the studio lab of the Leah Posluns Theatre Wednesday, the 26th, at 8 p.m., Saturday, the 29th, at 8:30, and Sunday, the 30th, at 8. Some of the members are also on the teaching staff of the 'Y's school of dance. For tickets, call the box office at 630-6752.

STUDENT SUMMER TOUR

The Jewish Student Federation at York University is organizing a three-week tour of Eastern Europe, leaving Toronto July 9. Called the World of our Mothers and Fathers, it will include stops in Germany, Austria, Hungary, Poland and Czechoslovakia. Visits will be arranged to concentration campsites, synagogues, museums, as well as meetings with representatives from the various communities. Bookings are to be made by early May. For information, call Randi Robinson at the JSF office, 667-3647.

ANNIE GET YOUR GUN

Annie Get Your Gun, the Irving Berlin musical, will be performed by Temple Sinai's Stage 210 on April 29, 30, May 3, 6, and 7. Curtain time is 8:30 p.m. It is directed by Fred Thury, whose services were made possible by Ontario Community Theatre Training Program, funded by the Ontario Arts Council. For reservations, call 487-4161.

BIALIK'S NEW KINDERGARTEN

The Bialik Hebrew Day School is opening a senior kindergarten at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. (Wilson Heights area) to serve the Jewish community in the north and north-east sector. It will offer the same program as at the main branch. For information call the school office at 783-3346.

GRANNIES WORK FOR ISRAEL

The Grannies Club is a group of six women who get together twice a week and make dolls, clowns, sweaters, slippers, quilts and such. These handmade articles are for sale and the proceeds go to the Association for Welfare of Soldiers in Israel. Recently they presented a cheque for $1,000, their second, to the association's Toronto chapter president Irving Matlow. If you are interested in any gift items, call Mrs. Bernick (the workshop is in her home), at 221-5157 or Mrs. Goodman at 783-5283.

SINGLES PARTY

A special house party sponsored by the Labor Zionist Alliance Young Professionals is being held this Sunday, the 23rd, at 7:45 p.m., at 19 Hillmount Ave. Refreshments will be kosher l'Pesach.

GRANT FOR YIDDISH

The National Committee on Yiddish of Canadian Jewish Congress received a grant of $3,100 from the federal department of multiculturalism towards publication costs of a book entitled **A Century of Hebrew and Yiddish Press and Literature in Canada** by Yiddish writer H.L. Fuks.

'Price of kosher food has not risen to extent of other imported products'

TORONTO —

Although the price of kosher food has increased this year, according to one importer, it has not risen to the extent of other imported products.

Because of the decline of the Canadian dollar, the kosher food manufacturers in Israel and the United States are co-operating by absorbing a proportion of this increase, says importer Barney Barenholtz.

Speaking to an overflow audience at a kashruth seminar sponsored by Canadian Jewish Congress, Central Region, he commended the government for eliminating the duty on most Passover foods not manufactured in Canada.

Barenholtz also urged the audience, at the Orthodox Division meeting, to purchase Israeli foods where possible and not to overstock on products such as Passover margarine, which is brought into Canada in a sufficient but controlled quantity for people with health-restricted diets.

"Hording," he said, "would create a shortage for those with special medical requirements."

Alastair Smith, vice-president and general manager of the food division, Retail Council of Canada, presented an overview of the metric conversion program. He cautioned the audience not to become upset with the seemingly confusing situation. Within the next two years, he said, most food products and weight scales will be converted.

Also participating were Rabbi Mordechai Ochs, who spoke on the philisophic side of Passover, Mottle Goodbaum, a retail food merchandiser, who compared the nostalgic grocery business of his youth with today's chain store operations, Sam Filer, chairman of the CJC's Central Region, Yitzhak Feldman, chairman of the Orthodox Division and Nachman Shemen, executive director. Moderator and co-ordinator was Cynthia Gasner.

A practical workshop, "The A-B-C's of making Passover," drew a large crowd of young homemakers interested in the actual procedures for Passover. A lively question period followed. Participants at the workshop were Rabbi Yitzchak Kerzner, Esther Schwartz and Esther Sacknovitz.

(Robert Kisin photo)

Alastair Smith, vice-president and general manager of the food division Retail Council of Canada, addresses Kashruth seminar sponsored by Orthodox division of the Toronto Jewish Congress. Looking on is importer Barney Barneholtz.

Roberts at TAU

TORONTO —

Secretary of State John Roberts and his wife, Beverley, made a call on leading officials of Tel Aviv University during his recent official visit to Israel.

Roberts will be one of the guests of honor in Toronto on May 2 when the Women of Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University sponsor a major fund-raising event in support of Tel Aviv University's new Canadian Centre for Ecological Studies.

The Canadian Centre for Ecological Studies is to be a major centre for the study of animal ecology, behavior and physiology, and will be engaged in basic and applied research in co-operation with scientific centres all over the world.

Leaders in Canadian Jewish community life and public officials, headed by Lieutenant Governor Pauline McGibbon, will be in attendance.

...about people

Mattl Golan

Acting Israeli Consul General in Toronto **Mattl Golan**, who is director of Israel Information Centre for English-speaking Canada, will be speaking on **Media "Objectivity" in Middle East Coverage — A Challenge to Jewish Solidarity** at a meeting at the Zionist Centre this Wednesday, the 26th, at 8 p.m. Sharing the platform will be **Simcha Jacobovici**, chairman, North American Jewish Students' Network, and **Michael Hayman**, teaching fellow, Seneca College, with **Rose Zoltek**, co-ordinator, Toronto Students Zionists as moderator. The event is sponsored by Network, Toronto Student Zionists and the Toron, to Zionists Council.

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Dummlyah, which Toronto composer **John Weinzweig** says is "my statement in music on the Nazi Holocaust," is to be included in the Toronto Symphony's programs of May 9 and 10, under the direction of **Victor Feldbrill.** Widely performed this season, the work had its European premiere in Bonn last November, and has been performed, here in Canada, in Vancouver and in Montreal where it was presented by the Montreal Symphony in celebration of Jewish Music Month in March.

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This coming week heralds performances by two young Canadian musicians — Eighteen-year-old **Gordon Steinberg** is having a piano recital this Tuesday, the 25th, at 8:15 p.m. at the Royal Conservatory of Music. No newcomer to the concert stage, Gordon's first solo recital was at the age of 12. One of the compositions he will be playing on Tuesday is by his brother Larry, 21, who is a third-year student in composition at the University of Toronto . . . . Classical guitarist **Dan Beckerman** is making his Toronto debut on Saturday, the 29th, after a successful debut at Wigmore Hall in London, England. A winner of numerous awards and prizes, the 21-year-old native Torontonian (he lived here until leaving for England three years ago to study at the Royal College of Music) has played in various Canadian centres as well as in England and Israel. This Toronto debut is sponsored by the Toronto Guitar Society. It takes place at 8:30 p.m. at St. Lawrence Centre.

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For art buffs — The retrospective works of Canadian artist **Gerald Scott** are on display at the Koffler Gallery at the northern 'Y' until May 3. The exhibit is a collection of his impressionist portraits done over the past 25 years . . . . An exhibition of works by **Shlomo Schwartz** opens Sunday, the 30th, at the Walter Engel Gallery, 2100 Bathurst St. This is the first Canadian show for the Israeli artist who produces profound and grotesque, yet witty and humorous oil paintings. The show runs to May 14.

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When reading the portion of the Haggada that refers to the 10 plagues, you might like to know that one of them, a plague of locusts, may soon be a phenomenon of the past if zoologist **Steve Tobe** succeeds in his research. According to the University of Toronto Bulletin, Prof. Tobe is on the hunt for a way to control the reproduction of "the dirty little beasts" which would be more effective and less environmentally damaging than spraying insecticide.

However, he says developments are still a "few days down the road" and adds that "the locust is considered a delicacy in some countries, and if you're Jewish, it might be handy to know they're kosher." (Locusts are permitted as food [Lev. 11:21-22] and were eaten during times of famine.)

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Silverberg to head Bonds' women's division

TORONTO —
Sheilah Silverberg has been named women's division chairman of the 1978 Toronto campaign for State of Israel Bonds, Kurt Rothschild, general chairman, has announced.

In this post, she will lead an intense effort by hundreds of local women to help strengthen the economy of Israel as it celebrates its 30th anniversary of independence.

No newcomer to Bonds, she has been involved in all aspects of the organization in the past few years, serving as associate chairman of the women's division for the past two years.

Under her leadership, the career women's division was created last year and Mrs. Silverberg served as its first chairman, in addition to her other duties.

A long-time, active member of the Kinneret chapter of Hadassah-WIZO Mrs. Silverberg also serves on the women's auxiliary fund-raising committee and as co-chairman of the health education committee, Mount Sinai hospital.

Sheilah Silverberg, head of Bonds women's division.

Besides her active support of other women's organizations, she is a member on the dance committe of the YM-YWHA, north branch.

She and her husband, Al, of Dominion Sheet Metal and Roofing Works, are the parents of two sons, Harry and Gary.

In accepting the chairmanship, Mrs. Silverberg declared: "It is the nature of Canadian Jewry to rise to the challenge when Israel is faced with difficulty and danger. In this year of Israel's 30th anniversary an important movement has taken place toward the achievement of a lasting peace in the Middle East. We can show our concern and provide urgently needed support through Israel Bond purchases."

Her associate chairman is Harriet Morton.

Bond sales recorded last year in North America amounted to $331,540,000.

Hamilton Jews ignore controversial grant issue

TORONTO [Staff] —
The Hamilton Jewish community leadership has refused to get involved in the issue of a $7,000 City Council grant to an evangelical group for activities in the public schools, a Canadian Jewish Congress meeting was told last week.

Congress Central Region Executive Director Ben Kayfetz, at a CJC executive committee meeting, said the matter was brought to the attention of community leaders in Hamilton, but they refused to take action.

Last month, Rabbi Jordan Pearlson, national chairman of Joint Community Relations Committee, termed the grant to aid a U.S. athletic evangelical group "absolutely inexcusable." At that time, he reported that there was opposition to the move from Christian groups and members of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews.

A good part of the CJC meeting was taken up with discussion of the planned Nazi march in Illinois. About 15 speakers were heard in the at-times emotional debate. Most persons called for some sort of action. Final decision on the official Canadian Jewish response will be taken at a national Congress meeting.

There were also reports on the national executive committee meeting, which discussed a policy regarding Quebec separation, on Congress Day in Sudbury April 16, and on a regional conference to be held on June 18, also in Sudbury.

It was also announced that Norma Rubin will be chairman and Ruth Rayman and Ben Kayfetz the professionals involved in the new Community Action for Israel Committee, formerly the Israel Action Committee.

With a federal election in the offing, Kayfetz told the meeting information kits with material on Soviet Jewry, Israel and the Holocaust had been prepared and will be given to all party candidates.

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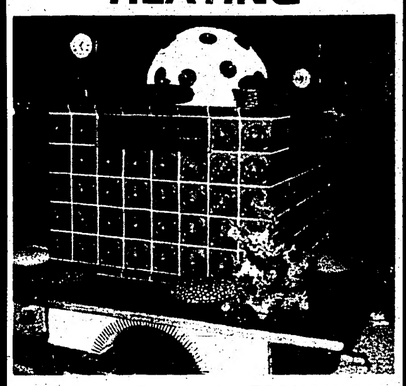

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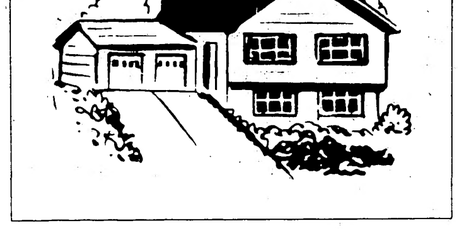

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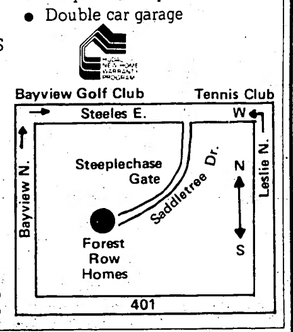

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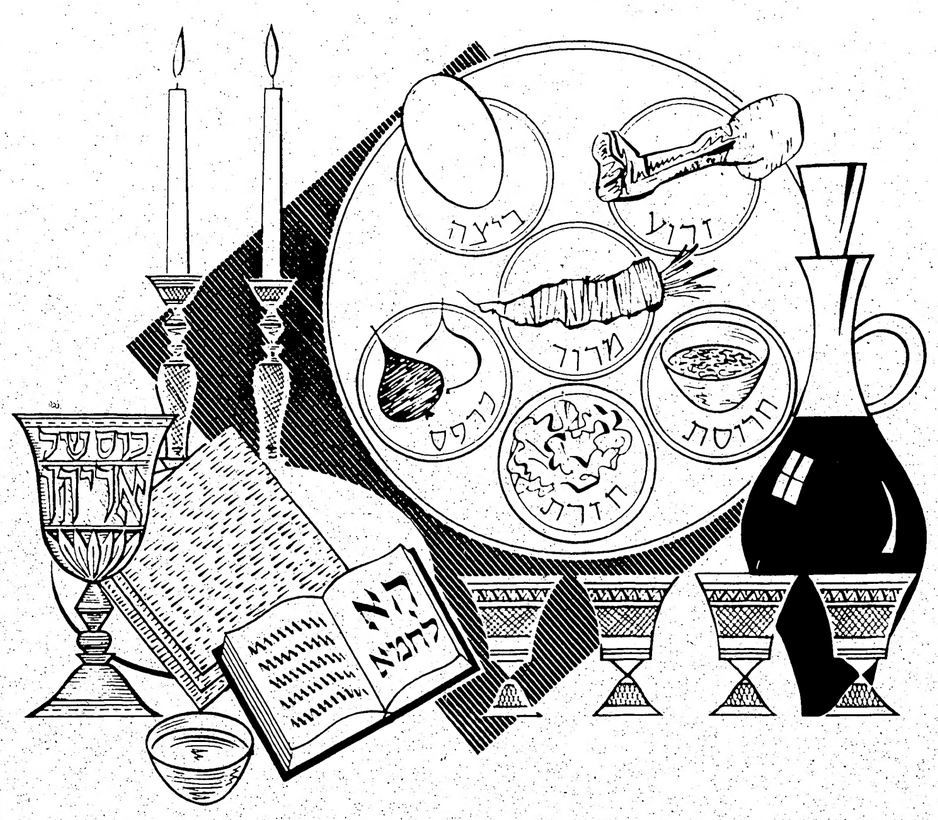

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In a ceremony last week, Israeli officials presented a certificate on behalf of the Jewish National Fund to North York Community Hebrew School. Students and staff at the institution planted 1,000 trees in Canada Park on behalf of school. From left are Sam Gwosdy, Col. Amos Gilboa, Doreen Gwosdy and Col. Y. Bar-Am.

Freda Keet has the rapt attention of her listeners as she addresses a board meeting of the Women's Division. The Rhodesian-born journalist and broadcaster has worked at Kol Yisrael since she made aliyah to Israel in 1963. Shown in photo are: Penny Offman, Ms. Keet, Joan Lipson, Judy Gwartz and Gay Berger.

sparks from the torah

By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Pesach 5738

Lail sheemurim hu la'Shem...It is a night of watching unto the L-rd...

Jews have always had to put up with a lot around Pesach — there were always those ready to interfere.

In 1831, the newly-formed printing house in Skiduli, part of the Russian Vohlin, set out to print a Haggada. Before it could be published, it had to be approved by the censor, who, besides being a notorious anti-Semite, also hated the Poles.

When he reached the Chad Gadya, he saw the passage of a little goat that was bought for two **zuzim.**

"You can't publish this," he roared. "Zuzim is a Polish coin, and we only count with Russian money, so that year the rhyme went:

"One little goat, one little goat,
That my father bought with 30 kopecks..."

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They tried to stop us, but we wouldn't budge. But how can we resist it when there are those who try to make changes from within? A little deviation from Yiddishkeit now can lead to a complete collapse later.

Consider...in the Haggada, we meet four sons: chacham, rasha, tam, v'sheaino, yodai'a lishol . . . wise, wicked, simple, and one who doesn't even know how to ask.

Who are they? What do they want? But it shows how one thing can lead to another.

The old father ran a traditional seder, without asking too many questions. His faith was without any doubts. But then came his son who had other ideas...

The wise son, the **chacham**...He wanted to know the reason for everything, and when a few things didn't make sense, he discarded them.

But at least he still kept a traditional home. His son, however was different...

The wicked son...If his father could question and discard a little bit, he could throw out the whole mumbo-jumbo. Who needs it in this day and age? Enough. He also had a son...

The simple son...What does he know? Never received a Jewish education. But at least he caught a glimpse of a seder at his grandfather's house. He knows enough to ask, what's this, what's that? But what, nebich, of his son?

One who doesn't even know how to ask...His father and grandfather didn't have a seder. His great-grandfather is long dead. What's a seder? He doesn't even know how to begin asking. Unless someone has the caring to reach out and explain (Toldot Moshe)

There are questions and there are questions. Every Jew should ask questions. There's a reason for everything, even the tiniest tradition. A Jew should fulfil the commandments **leibidick**, aware, awake, excited, inspired.

But there has to be humility also. One cannot reject a centuries-old law and custom, just because one doesn't understand it.

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But in unity we can stay strong.

"Why is this night different from all other nights?" asks the child. Our other exiles lasted 210 years, 70 years, while today, 2,000 years after our dispersion, hundreds of thousands of Jews still long to return to Eretz Yisrael and cannot. What must we do to earn the Messiah?

Answers the father: "**Ha'lailа haze kulo matza**..." This night is full of matza. Matza in Hebrew means disagreements, fighting, disunity, rivalry. Because we Jews have not got it together. There is too much divisiveness, **krigerai.** When we can show love and understanding to each other, redemption will come.

Shabbat Shalom, Chag Kasher v'sameach.

Philanthropic Freimans

landmark events in our history

By ROCHELLE CARR

A 13-year-old schoolboy, who had arrived in Hamilton, Ont., from Wirballen, Lithuania the previous year, was struggling with the language and culture of his adopted country. It was 1894.

Not only would he master his studies, he would become a successful businessman, get married and, along with his wife, enter the pages of Canadian Jewish history.

The man, Archibald Jacob Freiman and his Canadian-born wife, Lillian Bilsky Freiman, grew up in the traditional Jewish atmosphere of fulfilling the mitzva of serving one's fellow human beings. As a couple, they set an example for all Canadians. As Jews, they became leaders in Canada's slow but steadily growing Jewish community.

They met not long after Freiman's father moved his Canadian House Furnishing Company business from Kingston to Ottawa in 1902. On Aug. 18, 1903, they were married. Soon the young husband assumed a dominant role in his father's business, changing the name of the firm to A.J. Freiman and Co.

As the business expanded, and while their three daughters and one son grew, the couple continued to enlarge the scope of their philanthropic interests.

In addition to their involvement in non-sectarian projects, such as Lillian's leadership of the Red Cross in Ottawa, and their personal friendship with political leaders of the major parties, the couple was deeply immersed in Jewish causes.

Theirs was a partnership. While one stood out in front giving the necessary community leadership, the other stood behind giving the spouse personal support. When A.J. became chairman of the Jewish War Orphans Committee of Canada after World War I, and brought over 150 orphans, Lillian traversed the country to find suitable parents to adopt them.

Lillian helped put Canadian Hadassah-WIZO on its feet. Her interest in the organization came easily to her. Her father, Moses Bilsky, who helped found Ottawa's first synagogue, Adath Jeshurun, also helped found the city's first Zionist society in 1899. From 1919 until her death in 1940, she served as president of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO. Supporting her all the way, was A.J.

But, he did more than back his wife's Zionist interest. From 1919 until 1941, he served as national president of what would be called the Zionist Organization of Canada and, for many years, was an active member of the actions committee of the World Zionist Organization. It was talks between Freiman and Menachem Ussishkin that proved instrumental in helping to bring about the successful Canadian Jewish participation in the purchase of Emek Heifer in Palestine.

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Mordechai Katz looked down at his son. The kid is cute, he thought. And just like his father, he can't stay awake. Keeping from dozing off was Katz's biggest problem. A teacher, he had once awakened to the sound of his students' laughter. An entire classroom of high school pupils had watched him doze off in mid-sentence, in the middle of his lecture on modern Hebrew poets. It was embarrassing. He'd looked at his watch. He'd been asleep, dreaming, for 10 minutes. Why was it that Katz kept falling asleep at the oddest moments? he asked himself.

Usually, Katz slept like a baby at night. His health was perfect. He felt no emotional strains. Yet time and again, driving, watching television and during army reserve duty, Katz would suddenly fall asleep.

Years of psychological and medical testing brought him no closer to the reason for his sudden catnaps. Then, about eight months ago, a doctor referred him to the sleep diagnostic laboratory of the Technion's medical school.

When Katz came to the sleep laboratory, he had already undergone years of exhaustive medical and psychological testing. He arrived at the Herman Fenichel Laboratory for Human Psychobiology at 10 p.m. There he was hooked to electrodes attached to devices that trace brain activity, eye movements and muscle tone. Katz was sceptical — he'd begun to give up hope of ever finding a solution to his problem. The doctor calmed him, promising they would do the best they could. He then brought Katz to a small room with a bed, closed the door behind him and sat next to the technician that manned the machinery.

Katz quickly fell asleep, and the machine began spewing out yards of graph paper, marking the changes in activity in the brain, eyes, muscles, and breathing. "During sleep all these variables change," the doctor said.

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Tubby Cole

I'm sorry I didn't have an opportunity to hear **Freda Keet,** who visited Toronto on the first leg of a North American speaking tour. Ms. Keet, a Rhodesian by birth, made Aliyah to Israel in 1963 and has since been associated with Kol Yisrael (the Voice of Israel) as a journalist, newscaster and interviewer.

Her only UJA appearance here was at the board meeting of the Women's Division and from the feedback I've been getting, I understand she pulled no punches in laying out Israel's political tribulations right on the line.

She told the women it was crucial that world Jewry "fully understand what we're doing. It is our duty to explain it to you because we ask so much of you." Israel, she said, is the only country in the world whose very survival is in jeopardy. "We're fighting for our lives now as never before and every decision the (Israeli) government makes is based on this one fact."

Ms. Keet went on to say that the "United States is putting the most intolerable pressure on us — and it all boils down to one word — 'oil'. We are at a devastating crossroad. We are not involved in polemics, but we know that we are the only guarantors of our survival. No one else can guarantee the guarantees."

Next time we hear complaints about Israel's "intransigence" we should remember those words.

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DID YOU KNOW THAT...the Jewish Agency of Israel, funded through the annual UJA campaign, is expecting 20,000 new immigrants to enter the country this year. Several new absorption centres are being built to accommodate them, with emphasis on providing for singles.

...**and in Canada**...the national religious department of Canadian Jewish Congress arranged for a Passover broadcast to be beamed to the Jews in the Soviet Union by the CBC International Religious Service. The message was in Yiddish. Canadian Jewish Congress is funded by the United Jewish Appeal.

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I mentioned recently in this column that the 35th anniversary of the Warsaw ghetto uprising will be observed at a memorial rally at Nathan Phillips Square on Sunday, April 30, commencing at 1:45 p.m. I can now add to that information the fact that the principal speakers will be Canadian Jewish Congress president **Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut,** an outstanding Christian leader, **Dr. Franklin H. Littell,** professor and chairman of the department of religion at Temple University in Philadelphia. Dr. Littell is a recognized Christian authority on the Holocaust.

Toronto Jewish Congress has the responsibility of keeping alive in Toronto, the memory of the Holocaust and the memorial rally is one way in which this tragic era in Jewish life will be remembered. All of us in the community should participate.

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It's full steam ahead for the walkathon.

Gord Stromberg, chairman of the walk's advertising and public relations committee, took time off from his vacation last week to finalize details of the very important promotional program. At a meeting with the walk chairman, **David Bloom, Andrew Gawenda,** (representing the Kert ad agency) and **David Marks** and **Maurice Lucow** of the UJA staff, the PR committee agreed on a design theme for printed material, decided to provide attractive badges for all participants, planned window posters and re-designed the sponsor booklets.

There was discussion also on the possibility of enlisting the services of a number of sports and entertainment celebrities to greet the walkers at various checkpoints. (The sponsor booklet will contain a special page on which to gather autographs of the celebrities.) The latest news on this matter comes from Andy Gawenda who says he has definite commitments from the **Toronto Maple Leafs.**

I haven't said much about the runathon, which will be held on the same route as the walk. As usual, **Ron Seigel** and **Howard Stulberg** of the **B'nai B'rith** are looking after this activity and you can be sure that when they are in charge of a project, there will be plenty of action.

Things are moving so fast with the walk and the run that it's hard to keep up. But if you continue to read this column and the general news columns of the CJN, the full story will unfold in the next couple of weeks.

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Harry Silverstein, president of the Keltzer Society, read a moving letter to the society's membership at a recent meeting. The letter, written by **Ben Lerer** from his hospital bed shortly before his death a few weeks ago, urged the members to place UJA at the top of their priorities as the principal fund-raising effort to devote their energies to. Ben Lerer, the society's UJA chairman for several years, was a totally dedicated campaigner. As Harry Silverstein so aptly puts it: "People like that can't be replaced."

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I hear tell the Mercantile division had a massive telethon cleanup last week, organized by **David Green** and **Bill Dunn.** Chairmen and canvassers from all the groups that come under the heading of Mercantile, came out to participate. I'm happy to report that the momentum is still going strong and that there has been no letup in the determination of these canvassers to get the campaign successfully completed.

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Speaking of cleanups, there's just no stopping the folks in the Synagogue division who are working in tandem with B'nai B'rith. Telethons have been tentatively scheduled right up to May 29! All through this campaign you could count on the regulars to show up — **Fred Stoll, John Wiseman, Sol Goldberg, Willie Leibach, Irving Green** and **Dr. Sam Spodeck.** Many thanks, gentlemen. We know you're out there and we know what you're doing.

Incidentally, **Mike Harris,** chairman of Synagogues, reports that the total raised so far is better than 95% of the grand total raised by the division last year. With about 500 cards still to be covered, the final 1978 total will break the $500,000 mark, Mike predicts.

Happy Passover to all. If you still have cards to cover, now is a good time to do so. And if you haven't yet made your UJA gift...isn't it time you did?

See you next week...

Moses Pesach's hero

By BERNARD BASKIN

Although his name has been sedulously kept out of the Haggada — without even one mention — Moses is the indisputable hero of Passover. He is unique, a paladin, a prophet "whom the Lord knew face to face." Obdurate, unswerving in his sense of mission, unbowed by the outbursts and onslaughts of an untried and stiff-necked people, Moses trekked from bondage to freedom — as he still marches triumphantly through history.

It is no wonder that the inspired writers of scripture envisioned his countenance ablaze with light, or that Michelangelo chose to make of him a demi-God complete with horns.

Many and varied has been the praise bestowed upon the son of Amram. Heinrich Heine exalted: "How small Sinai appeared when Moses stood upon it." For Henry George, the eminent economist, Moses was the constructive statesman "who laid the foundation of the Hebrew Commonwealth." Achad Ha'am described him as the archetype of Jewish prophesy in its purest and most ideal form.

Eloquent Elie Weisel declared him to be the most solitary and powerful figure in biblical history. "...no individual, ever, anywhere, accomplished so much for so many people in so many different domains. His influence is boundless, it reverberates beyond time. The Law bears his name, the Talmud is but its commentary. Moshe Rabbenu, our Master Moses, incomparable, unequalled."

Literary historian and critic, David Daiches, in his book **Moses — the Man and His Vision** portrays him as a rare individual whose dedication, endurance and "sheer genius as a leader" finally brought his people to within sight of the Promised Land.

The name of Moses is forever associated with the Decalogue. It was under his leadership that the eternal covenant was made between an entire people and God which incorporated the concept of monotheism.

Yet, despite his undoubted greatness and singularity, the Pentateuch, as well as the teachings of Talmud and Midrash stress his humility and fallibility. Just consider: he was married to the daughter of a pagan priest, capable of killing a human being, hesitant about his ability to fulfil the will of God when it is first proposed to him at the Burning Bush, often scornful of, and impatient with, the fear-ridden rabble of former slaves he was forced to lead and, at last, found unworthy to enter the land of his deepest longings.

Apart from the biblical account, there are no other historical references to Moses. Even the biblical narrative is sketchy and fragmentary. How was he brought up? When did he become aware of his Hebrew origins? What were his innermost thoughts about God and his people? How did he react to the numerous acts of treachery and deceit that he experienced? How did he react to victory and grow through suffering? What were his thoughts at death?

And because the record is incomplete it should occasion no surprise that the interest of mankind in Moses did not end with his death. He entered into Jewish folklore, legend and Kabbalistic speculation, not to speak of his almost continuous inspiration as a source of art, music and literature in both Judaism and Christianity.

What are some of the salient ideas that the Midrash, that vast body of rabbinic interpretation and commentary, stresses about Moses? In the first place he was reluctant to assume his role of leader. His questions to God were endless: "Why not a heavenly messenger in my stead? Why not my brother Aaron who speaks better thant I? What will my wife, family and father-in-law think? What shall I tell my fellow Jews when they ask difficult questions? How shall I win over the cruel and stubborn Pharaoh?" Yet, in the end, despite his multiple fears, the yet-to-be tested Moses accepted his destined role.

In the second place, the Midrash would have us believe that he was a persuasive advocate for his people. After the sin of the Golden Calf, Moses had recourse to all sorts of excuses in order to avert the threatened punishment. To God, he pleaded: "When appearing on Mount Sinai and proclaiming 'I am the Lord thy God,' you spoke in the singular, not in the plural. Perhaps the ignorant and untutored people just set free from slavery may have understood this proclamation as applying to me alone."

This is illustration from Leon Bible of Moses blessing the children of Israel before his death. The bible originates from Spain, 1162.

Further, Moses argued, "Why does Your anger wax hot against this people? They were slaves of the Egyptians a people who worshipped animals as their gods. Is it any wonder that they have imitated their masters?" And he propounded the following parable: "A father once obtained a trade for his son which brought him into contact with men of questionable repute. He soon adopted their habits. The father became incensed. But a friend pointed out that he had himself contributed to the misfortune of his son by bringing him into the association of evil-doers. The Israelites are like children, prone to adopt the manner of their elders, and if they are now destroyed there will be no chance for them to develop the better and higher life, to redeem the evil they have done, and to live by the law which Thou hast proclaimed." Moses prevailed with his arguments.

In the third place, the Midrash teaches that Moses was an exemplary teacher. "When he exhorted the people, 'After the Lord your God shall ye walk' they took alarm at this formidable, even impossible task, imposed upon them. 'How,' said they, 'is it possible for man to walk after God, who has his way in the storm and in the whirlwind. The clouds are the dust of his feet, his way is in the sea and his path in the great waters.' Moses explained to them that to walk after God meant to imitate humbly His attributes of mercy and compassion by clothing the naked, visiting the sick, and comforting the mourner."

Finally, the Midrash teaches that Moses was greater than Adam, Noah, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and concludes that "whether we consider his great meekness, his wisdom, his prudence, his chivalry, his forgiving spirit, his unselfishness, his freedom from envy, his gentleness of disposition, or the sweetness of his nature, he was above every one, and the one man qualified to bless Israel." And they assert that heaven and earth wept at his death.

Thirty two and a half centuries ago a giant of a spirit walked the earth. The Jewish people, beneficiaries of a priceless patrimony, still exult in their leader.

Facts about Jews of Denmark contained in Gerschwald luach

By JUDY BASHEVIS

TORONTO —

An unusual contribution to Denmark's Jewry these past 117 years is a luach or almanac, published by the Gerschwald family.

A bright orange booklet, the luach is full of interesting nuggets of the history of Danish Jews. It highlights such dates as 1622, when the first Jews were invited to live in the city of Glukstadt; 1814, when the government granted all Danish Jews civil rights and privileges as citizens, and 1943, when Danish Jews were informed of Nazi plans for their deportation and were helped to escape by the Danes.

There are about 8,000 Jews in Denmark, and it is the oldest Jewish community in Scandinavia. About 95% of the Jews live in Copenhagen, according to David Gerschwald, 27, an enterprising young man who is the fourth generation in his family to carry on the tradition of publishing the Jewish almanac.

The luach is a handy guide for natives and visitors alike. Scattered among the many advertisements is a listing of the administration of the Jewish community, the two Orthodox synagogues, the library, mikva, mohalim, kosher butchers and food outlets.

To help people with their yahrzeits, Gerschwald has taken the trouble to include in the almanac the parsha of the week, all times for shacharit, mincha and maariv services as well as the dates and times of each holiday.

Started by his great grandfather in 1872, 11 years after the first Jewish luach was printed, the almanac is being geared for an international market. Gerschwald hopes to have the luach distributed, as a collector's item, in North America.

The almanac is already selling well in Sweden, France, Germany, Spain, Holland and England. He said he is receiving orders from both Jews and non-Jews.

When queried about Jewish life in his native country, Gerschwald, who was in Canada to watch one of his favorite sports — ice-skating championships — describes a close-knit community, bereft of petty squabbles that seem common among various streams of Orthodoxy.

"There is nothing officially Conservative or Reform," he said. "Everyone prays at the two local shuls, both of which are Orthodox."

He noted that the late chief rabbi went out into the non-Jewish community and explained the practices and customs of Jews. As a result, Gentiles do not have an ignorant view of Judaism shrouded in mysticism, he said.

Even on Shabbat, groups of Danish schoolchildren come to the synagogue for a visit as part of their studies, Gerschwald pointed out. All this goodwill has paved the way for a smooth relationship with the Danes, he said.

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NCJW voices concern

OTTAWA —

The National Council of Jewish Women joined 19 national women's organizations in expressing concern for the lack of enforcement of legislation concerning the status of women. —

In a meeting here last month of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women, the NCJW, along with the other groups, urged the federal government to direct attention to: implementation of laws, particularly relating to the growing gap in salaries and job choices for men and women; provision of equal opportunities for elderly women on incomes below the poverty line; and ensuring that measures are taken to deal with violence which confronts women.

The groups also expressed support for native women in their struggle for equal rights within the Indian Act.

Representing NCJW were Marjorie Blankstein, Winnipeg, president and Sharon Gray of Ottawa.

Franklin Littell, Temple University professor of religion, will be one of the guest speakers at a community rally to mark 35th anniversary of Warsaw Ghetto uprising. It will be held on Sunday, April 30, 1:45 p.m., at Nathan Phillips Square.

Greetings from Begin

TORONTO —

Prime Minister Menachem Begin is urging Canadian Jewry to intensify its efforts for Israel Bonds during this Passover season.

In a message he emphasized the urgency of an unprecedented response to Israel's economic needs through Bonds to strengthen his country's stand in the difficult peace negotiations ahead.

"Passover is the first holiday to celebrate the concept of liberty," Begin's message said. "The Jewish rebellion was motivated by the need for religious freedom. To understand these facts is essential to an understanding of the Jews, both in ancient times and today. This deep desire for freedom is what motivates us and the people of Israel, at all times and in all circumstances."

In reply to Begin, Toronto Jewish leaders said that they stand in full support of his peace initiatives.

Kurt Rothschild, general chairman of Toronto Bonds, said that "this Passover we can best reaffirm our own faith in Israel and its future by investing in Israel Bonds, which have helped build Israel and now can help Israel build for the peace that must come."

Madcap, lucid comics highlight arts festival

By RICK KARDONNE

A genuinely funny, original breed of secular Jewish humor exists in Toronto. Distinctly different from the schlemiehl-shtick of Woody Allen and self-denigration of Jules Feiffer, this brisk, fresh style was delightfully demonstrated by Steve Brinder and Brian Nasimok, who highlighted the cabaret show included in York University 1978 Jewish Arts Festival.

Brinder is madcap, lucid, and confidently individualistic. He began his opening set by relating his experiences as a substitute history teacher in Toronto high schools, expertly illustrating the hilarious lunacies of the "jock mentality" without ever himself sinking into it by limiting himself to mere playback of its shallow shock aspects.

Then, he described his coming-of-age as the only Jewish kid in an Italian neighborhood.

His only relapse into over-trodden ground was a segment on the Jewish prince and princess. Fortunately, he followed that blooper with a clever take-off on an ethnic TV show.

Never derogatory, this was a spoof on how ethnic groups try to assimilate into the majority cultural norms (in this case, trying to sing that bland 1971 country hit **Rose Garden**). The student audience caught on immediately.

Nasimok, who also served as emcee, is less the hot-involved actor and more the cool, detached raconteur. But he was just as effective. For example, his remark about "being of the Jewish persuasion; you never hear of anyone of the Black persuasion", was a brilliant swipe at Jewish assimilationism. And his spoof of the medical profession was another gem. Of course, his satire of Channel "Eyewitness News, with its dramatic account of Buffalo fires, brought the house down in laughter.

Chevy Chase said in a recent major magazine article that Toronto's Jewish humor is the best comedy in North America. Certainly, the local media should be spotlighting Brinder and Nasimok, rather than so much of the unfunny and irrelevant "humor" which seems to be in vogue with certain media producers today.

The music portion of the coffee-house evening, held at Marki's II at York University's Winters College, unfortunately suffered in comparison to the comedy.

Some of the performers, especially Daniel Waldman, possessed a natural charm which deservedly won the affection of the capacity audience. But the material itself was mostly in the by-now-stale American folkie-bag, be it via pop standards or what passed for originals.

The comedians made a successful attempt to come to grips with being Jewish from their own personal points of view. Except for the instrumental team of guitarist Ken Namack (whose technical skill considerably surpassed that of the others) and violinist Marty Cohen, the musicians did not.

In lieu of the fact that this evening was part of the Jewish Arts Festival, this failure of the singers to even try to grope with their Jewishness was indeed disappointing.

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MINORITY WITHIN A MINORITY

INDIAN JEWS FACE RACIAL PREJUDICE

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO — Some of the neighbors were quite upset when the Asian family moved into the lily-white, middle class Toronto suburb. The real estate agent who sold the Indians the detached house in the predominantly Jewish neighborhood defused a potentially embarrassing situation by mental sleight of hand. "Don't worry," he reportedly assured the neighbors, "they may be black, but they're Jewish!"

Grace Marshall, a Jewish native of Bombay, related this story about her friends, tan-skinned Indian Jews who physically resemble their Hindu, Moslem or Christian counterparts. The family was eventually accepted — as indeed all of Canada's few hundred, unobtrusive Indian Jews have been — yet Mrs. Marshall recalled the incident with anger. "Jews are as much racists as anyone else," she said, a touch of bitterness creeping into her voice. "Black is strange. Jews fear it."

Elizabeth Hyams, a 17-year-old student in a mainly Jewish high school, said she still gets called "Paki", a racist epithet. "White people are really ignorant," she murmured. "Other Jews think I'm Indian. They don't believe I'm Jewish. They've never seen an Indian Jew and they think I'm converted, which I am not."

She added: "It takes a while for the parents of my dates to be convinced I'm Jewish."

Notes Saul Joel, the 39-year-old chairman of York University's department of social work: "Non-Jews are rightly curious that Indian Jews exist. But sometimes, it's Jews who ask me more questions about Indian Jews."

Ann Samson, 36, a high school teacher, recounted a story involving her friend, a bank employee, and a local Conservative rabbi. "The rabbi wouldn't believe he was Jewish," said Mrs. Samson, who has lived here for 12 years. He said, 'no, you can't be Jewish.' My friend has been bitter about the Jewish community ever since."

Her daughters, Sabrina, 10, and Fleur, 8, attend the Bathurst branch of Associated Hebrew Schools. They have been taunted by classmates. Mrs. Samson views it philosophically and stoically. "They have been teased, called 'Pakis'. My daughters didn't know what "Paki" meant. I viewed it as ignorance, plain and simple, and that's what I told my kids. I've explained to them that they may have to live with it. Color prejudice is something you don't eradicate just like this."

Despite these humiliating incidents, Mrs. Samson — and the overwhelming majority of Indian Jews in this country — do not feel "different" or "left out", insofar as the Jewish community is concerned.

"The community has accepted us," Karachi-born Erusha Hyams said. "Canada is made up of immigrants. No one is a real Canadian. Everyone has equal rights."

"I feel very accepted by the Canadian Jewish community," said Joel. "It has been very helpful to me."

Generally, Indian Jewry has adopted well to life in Canada, and Maurice Benzacar, a case worker at Jewish Immigrant Aid Services, observed: "They didn't have much of a problem, either with language or employment. They're very intelligent people and they're doing OK."

Haaem Samuel Kehlnkar

An educated, unusually articulate group, Indian Jews are mostly employed in the liberal professions and live in such affluent neighborhoods as Don Mills and Willowdale. The 35-50 families in Toronto are good synagogue attenders and they belong to various Jewish organizations.

The community here is composed of Bene Israel Jews, whose forebears settled in India in about 720 BCE, and Baghdadi Jews, whose ancestors emigrated from Iraq in the 19th and 20th centuries. The Bene Israel, most of whom now live in Israel, were isolated for hundreds of years and thus much of their religious tradition fell by the wayside. However, they maintained three Judaic practices: recital of the Shema, circumcision and kashrut.

In India, the Bene Israel and the Baghdadis did not mix much, but in Canada it is different. Bene Israel are sensitive about their Jewishness because of the Baghdadis' former attitude and because elements in the Israeli rabbinate questioned their faith. It was only in 1964 that Israel began to regard Bene Israel as Jews "in every respect."

Elijah Hyams, a member of Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation, became agitated when he was asked about the controversy over the Jewishness of Bene Israel. "Jews in India were very particular about following their religion, and there was very little mixed marriage," he explained. "Anyone who married outside the faith was banished from the community."

Most of the Indian Jews in Canada have been here anywhere from 10 to 15 years, and all of them speak of India with fondness.

"I remember no discrimination in India," said Victor Abraham, 42, chief city planner in Hamilton. "It's a very tolerant society." Commented Mrs. Samson: "Jews lived in India for nearly 2,000 years and there was no overt anti-Semitism in any way, shape or form."

The say they emigrated for a variety of reasons.

Abraham left Bombay in 1960 to study in Britain. "I didn't intend to emigrate, but I suppose I did." Joel went to Cincinnati's Hebrew Union College to become a Reform rabbi and ended up as a social worker after leaving in midcourse. Mrs. Samson said she and her husband Solomon were distressed when the language instruction at Bombay schools changed from English to Marathi, the regional tongue. She feared that the development would limit her children's educational opportunities.

And, of course, they were concerned about the Indianization of the civil service where Jews had traditionally found jobs. "It wasn't discrimination against the Jews, but part of the national spirit which said, 'our people should be given a chance, too,'" she explained.

"The prospects for minority groups were nil, for political reasons," said Hyams. "Hindus get preference in work. It's a case of nationalism. I wanted to better my future."

Indian Jews, many of whom still have family and friends in India, visit the country much like any other immigrants go back to their former homelands. They regard India in a favorable light, but some of them have lost their emotional attachment for the sub-continent. "I look upon India as having been home, but it is not important to me anymore, especially after 1967 when the government turned against Israel," Mrs. Samson said. "Last time we went, my husband said he felt like a stranger."

Hyams, whose grandfather Haeem Samuel Kehinkar built the first Hebrew school in Bombay, said he has no special feelings about India. But Joel is culturally attached to it, partly because Hindu philosophy has influenced him so much. Abraham is nostalgic about India, but he admitted he "didn't feel for India" during the last Indo-Pakistani war.

Nevertheless, the Jews of India are proud of their Indian heritage, praise the delights of spicy Indian cuisine, fill their homes with Indian art work and the women wear saris on occasional ceremonies.

Yet, no one denies that the ethnic and cultural consciousness of the community is bound to wither, particularly if the remaining 6,000 Jews in India stay where they are.

"What'll happen is that they'll assimilate into the community," Joel remarked. "In another generation, Indian Jews will be integrated into the larger community," Mrs. Marshall added. And within 20 or 30 years, barring immigration from India, Indian Jews, as a distinct sub-community, will be no more, according to Mrs. Samson.

That process of assimilation will be accelerated if young Indian Jews continue to marry Ashkenazic girls, she said.

Mrs. Samson said her children accompanied her on a trip to India and they saw it as a strange land. "They didn't identify with India. They're more concerned with Israel and with speaking Hebrew."

"To me, India is just another country," said Sam Hyams, 22, who is married to an Ashkenazic girl from South Africa.

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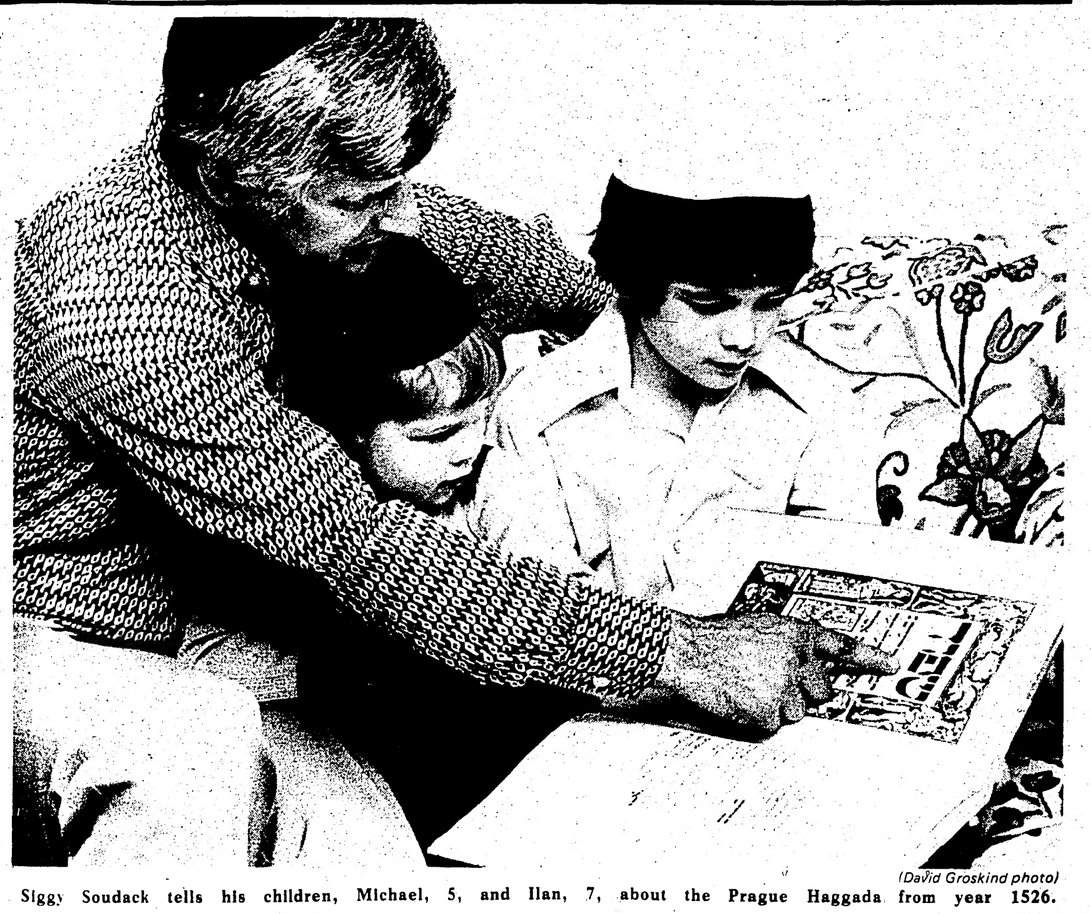
Ann and Solomon (top) seen with their family at home in suburban Toronto. The Samsons are Indian Jews, several hundred of whom live in Canada, mostly in city of Toronto.



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Siggy Soudack tells his children, Michael, 5, and Ilan, 7, about the Prague Haggada from year 1526.

CHILD'S ACTIVE ROLE IN SEDER MAKES EXPERIENCE INDELIBLE

By DR. FRED WEINBERG

"The most memorable religious experience in my life was my grandfather's Passover seder." This is the most frequent statement made by young Jewish adults in any interview dealing with early childhood recollections. This feeling is undoubtedly attributable to the drama, instructional devices and child involvement in the rituals, and customs of the seder night.

The Haggada is not only a collection of narrative excerpts from the Bible and Midrash with added songs, stories and psalms. It also serves as a teaching text that enables a father to fulfil the mitzva of "vehigadto lebincha", the biblical injunction in Exodus — "and thou shalt tell thy child."

This telling (and hence the name Haggada) must, according to the Talmud, be adapted to the nature of the child and to his level of understanding. Hence the story of the four sons. The wise son, gifted with intelligence, can be instructed on a higher level than the simple one, or the unmotivated son who doesn't know enough to even ask appropriate questions. The wicked son is undoubtedly maligned by poor translations of the Hebrew Rasha, for children only appear to be wicked when they are really provocative, disruptive and inattentive in the learning setting. The changing seder events from song to story, from eating and drinking to dramatic bits of "business", cater to the child's naturally short attention span.

The Haggada text blends for the child, seeing, touching, handling, tasting and reciting, all of which makes it a total learning experience enabling him to assume an active role involving all his senses rather than a passive one. It is this characteristic of the Haggada that makes of the seder a life-long experience.

The memories begin to be recorded even before the seder begins. Consider the pre-Passover search for chometz by the light of a candle, which makes a game out of finding the hidden bits of bread and then burning the collected leaven the next morning.

Early in the seder ceremony the middle matza is broken, wrapped in a serviette, and hidden away for the afikomon dessert. Then ransoming it from the child who has "stolen" it from it's concealed spot becomes a bit of exciting by-play for the whole family.

And then, of course, the famous four questions beginning with the child asking "Why is this night different?" The story of the liberation from the slavery of Egypt could have been presented at the seder as a straightforward narrative told or read to the children. But then like other quickly recited prayers in the Jewish liturgy, it might have become a rather dull, oral language exercise for the child. Instead, the Haggada text shows great appreciation of child psychology by using the question-and-answer style as an instruction device.

Thus the different customs of the seder night are presented for the child in a tangible form. His inquiry in the four questions about matza, bitter herbs, the dipping in salt water and eating in a reclining position allows the father to deal with the abstract concepts of freedom, and of ancient historical events in a concrete symbolic manner that a child can readily understand. Professional educators have long recognized that an experience approach to learning and an active role on the part of the child is essential to long term memory storage. The Haggada is a superb example of this principle.

As you go through the Haggada you may observe how every part of it further reinforces these teaching techniques. The magical experience of Elijah's presence at the seder is made so dramatically meaningful by having the child open the outside door for the Prophet's entrance to his welcoming song. Then the children's eyes are glued to the large goblet so as not to miss seeing the level of the wine going down ever so slightly as the invisible honored guest takes a sip.

The recitation of the 10 plagues with the accompanying drop of wine into the saucer for each plague and then the repetition of this using the mnemonics of Rabbi Yehuda as a memory jogger for the names of the plagues, are examples of memory oriented dramatic teaching.

The meal comes in the middle of the seder for after all would you expect Jewish mothers to have the child wait hungry for the completion of all the psalms and prayers without eating?

Of course having lots of singing after dinner, such as Chad Gadyah and other "counting" songs, serves to revive the waning interest of the child so late in the evening. He has likely been admonished earlier in the day to take an afternoon nap so that he can "stay up" for the seder.

You can undoubtedly fill in many more experiences from your own earlier years and from your own family style of involving the children at the seder.

The Haggada thus represents an exquisite example of how Jewish tradition has incorporated the best in modern teaching strategies to make the seder experience memorable. And after all that is the key purpose of the Passover seder so that the child will forever remember and consider himself to have personally experienced the liberation from Egypt, from slavery to freedom.

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AQI BEGINS TO CHIP THE ICE

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — Amid the hubbub of Quebec nationalism and Jewish identity in a new environment, few have noticed the steady growth of a little-known organization called Amities Quebec-Israel. Its sole purpose is to promote a better understanding of Israel and, hence, of the Jewish community, among French-Canadians.

Most would be surprised to learn that it boasts 429 dues-paying members, almost all of whom are French Quebecers. Although already three years old, AQI is really only now coming into its own. It has a new 12-member board with Dr. Roland Girard, medical director of L'Hospital St. Georges and administrator of a clinic in Longeuil, as president.

Others on the board include educators, a lawyer, an accountant and Jean-Guy Benjamin, director of women's programing for Radio-Canada. The 429 members come from all walks of life — students, professionals, workers.

AQI also has a new director, Joseph-Antoine Gagnon, a dapper teacher of English at the Pierre-Dupuy Polyvalente, a French high school in the east end.

Gagnon sees his first priority as bringing the AQI out of the closet and into the public eye. This can only be accomplished by getting the organization on its feet financially — ideally to the point where it would be self-sustaining and able to have its own premises.

Largely funded by the Canada-Israel Committee, with small grants from the federal and provincial government for specific projects, the AQI occupies a two-room office in La Maison Expo-Mundo, an impressive old manor with a white-columned veranda which used to serve as the rectory for the Catholic church next door.

"We have been able to gain from this aura of respectability and glamor," Gagnon explains. "As Catholics, French-Canadians have always felt a certain attraction to the Holy Land. We try to encourage the pilgrimage, rather than tourist, aspect of going to Israel...You know, it is the dream of 90% of French Canadian women, especially those beyond middle age, to go to Israel."

AQI is hoping to become the official agent for the Franciscan Fathers in Israel. Combine this with an ever-growing number of Quebecers travelling and, what Gagnon believes is a "genuine sympathy" on the part of the majority of Quebecers for Israel, and the AQI feels it has a program that will appeal to francophones.

Education, not travel counselling, remains AQI's prime objective. "When people come to us interested in Israel as a religious centre, we tell them about the political reality of Israel as well as about Zionism and its relationship to Jews around the world and especially to those in Montreal."

The office is festooned with Israeli posters and hundreds of leaflets and booklets on the Middle East. Stickers with the AQI's symbol — a stylized fleur-de-lys incorporated into a Magen David — are being widely distributed. AQI posters will soon be seen in major stores and shopping centres in Montreal and other parts of the province.

AQI is directing its attention at the younger generation, going into the French elementary and high schools. Last November, it began a contest on Israel called "Mon Voisin a Moi" in the elementary schools. A total of 1,600 entries of artwork and poems were received. The 50 best participants will receive books on Israel and the 10 best, to be selected by the students themselves at five schools, will be awarded with small cash prizes.

A book entitled **Le Moyen-Orient Presente aux Jeunes Quebecois** is being written by AQI for high school students and will go on sale to several French school boards next year.

One of the hardest groups to reach are the CEGEP students, said Gagnon. "In the CEGEPs we find the highest number of radical teachers, many are from the Middle East...They have a serious influence on kids 18 to 20 years old, especially the boys, who take everything they say as fact."

This year 15 members of AQI and 15 members of its "counterpart" Association Quebec-Palestine, headed by Rezeq Faraj, also a schoolteacher who works out of the Confederation of National Trade Unions headquarters, met at the Universite de Quebec for a debate on the Middle East. Eric Rouleau, a journalist with Paris' Le Monde, was moderator.

Trade union leaders also pose a challenge for Gagnon, who feels he is only beginning to chip away at the ice. Despite the very vocal anti-Zionism of leaders like Yvan Charbonneau and other, he feels they have no real influence on the masses they speak for. Charbonneau is head of the Conseil d'Enseignement du Quebec.

"The majority in that union are women, most are elementray school teachers and many are from rural areas. They don't know what Zionism is."

Gagnon took advantage of a lingering strike at Sidbec, a large steel mill in Sorel, to get his message across. Hearing that strikers were looking for entertainment, Gagnon hurried off to that town with two good films on Israel.

"Never in their lives did they have these things explained to them before. They were were not at all against Israel but they thought Zionism was some sort of Jewish mafia that was extremely powerful and had the best spy system in the world."

Gagnon, who has never been to Israel, has been a member of the AQI board since its inception. His interest in Israel began while he was growing up in the Jewish area of Cote des Neiges, was fanned by the political developments in the Mideast and brought to action by his wife Madelaine, a AQI vice-president, who has been to Israel five times and is conversant in Hebrew. His father was once a federal member of Parliament.

Gagnon has also brought Israel's story to businessmen's clubs, to prisoners about to go on parole and to the elderly in nursing homes.

For Israel's 30th anniversary, AQI is sponsoring a road show **Soiree Israelienne** which will travel to 20 cities in Quebec during April and May.

Manager plans plunge into politics

By TOBA KORENBLUM

TORONTO —

Not every civil servant snuggled in the municipal honeycomb called city hall hankers to sit in the political limelight. But Jeffrey Stutz is a bureaucrat who yearns to leave his office in the 18th floor east tower for a comfortable pew in the beehive called Queen's Park.

A city manager in the housing department, Stutz is also chairman of policy for the Liberal Party in Toronto, which, as he admits, "can be awkward" when you're a civil servant. He plans to make his step into the political arena, provincially or federally, in a few years while he builds up his expertise from the inside. "No bureaucrat would be fooling me," he says, putting himself in a political easy chair.

In the meantime, he is one of the key people behind Cityhome, Toronto's non-profit housing corporation which has constructed or renovated 1,800 apartments and houses in the city.

Stutz, a public policy theorist who spent three years studying his art in Jerusalem, is the intergovernmental co-ordinator who handles negotiations with Queen's Park and Ottawa — the corporation's main benefactors. It is perhaps this diplomatic perspective which drew out his political instincts.

A graduate of the University of Toronto with an MA in political science, he returned from post graduate work at the Hebrew University to take up a policy analysis job at the Ontario Treasury Ministry, examining, for one thing, the economic feasibility of expanding educational television in the province.

By the fall of '74, he was lured to city hall in the fledgling housing department which gained sovereignty over the Ontario Housing Corporation, a white elephant with a bad managerial image.

(David Groskind photo)

Jeffrey Stutz, a manager in Toronto's housing department, has political ambitions.

Cityhome's rationale is different, Stutz claims. Municipal government, he says almost reluctantly, entered the housing field for "pragmatic reasons"; OHC was foundering and private developers weren't initiating enough rental units.

Rather than fighting the tenant, which was OHC's nemesis, Cityhome "puts a high value on public participation," he says. Joint tenant-management committees operate the various projects and one site is owned by a tenant co-operative. He adds that there are actually advantages to having the government as your landlord. Tenant rights are virtually sacrosanct.

Because of the unfavorable image of "public housing", some of the projects have encountered neighborhood resistance and an underlying fear that property values will deteriorate. Frictions have arisen, from time to time, when working committees and housing department staff have pulled in different directions.

But the variety of accommodations and their design is noteworthy. Seven historic houses on Beverley Street, north of the Art Gallery of Ontario, were renovated into 74 apartments from bachelors to four-bedroom suites.

The city operates some two dozen rooming houses for single "hard-to-house" individuals. In partnership with a number of non-profit co-ops, in some cases representing immigrant groups, the city is planning a massive development south of Front Street, called St. Lawrence, which will provide housing for 10,000 people, schools and recreational facilities.

Cityhome has three rental plans: higher income households pay going market rents; moderate earners pay rents at cost and low-income families pay 25% of the total household income.

Stutz is involved in helping a group of Russian Jews, in conjunction with Toronto Jewish Congress, to acquire part of the St. Lawrence project or a proposed unit at Davenport and Christie.

If Opposition Leader Dr. Stuart Smith appears to be spending more of his time on Toronto-related issues, including housing, it is in part because of Stutz's influence, and the harsh fact that the party's rural, conservative base didn't win it many converts among urban voters in the last election.

"Metro didn't hear us," says Stutz of the Liberals, "because we weren't speaking their language. We weren't connected with the minorities except for some Jews who were honorary WASPS in the party."

Along with Smith he drafted the party's Metro strategy working paper, New Directions in Metro Politics. He also prepared the city's reply to the Robarts' report, redistributing the municipal pie, along with civil-servant-turned-alderman Susan Fish.

A participant in TJC's Second Encounter programs and a board member of the Co-ordinated Services to Jewish Elderly, he lashes out at the Conservatives for their failure to back Jewish schools with public funds.

He also chastizes the Jewish community for honoring prominent Conservatives — including Premier William Davis and Attorney-General Roy McMurtry — when their government has refused support for the day schools. "What kind of heroes are these," he asks, his politician's back arching.

In the meantime he'll sit back a year or two molding a public image — Jewish connections, family man (son, Eli, 2 and his wife Shirley, a Manulife systems analyst) and the right kind of bureaucratic experience — before he trades one government cubbyhole for another.

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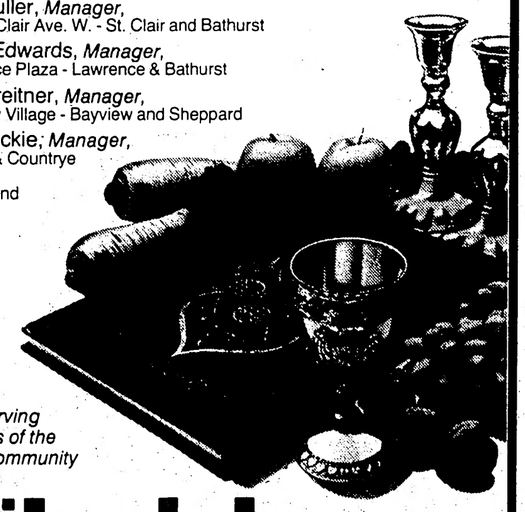

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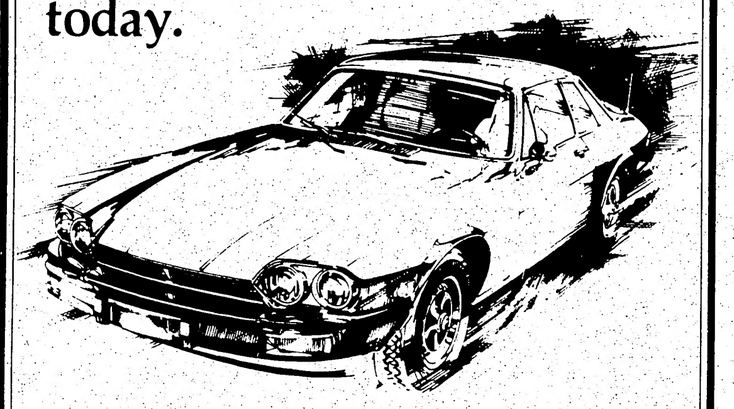

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David Bloom, 1978 walkathon chairman (seated left), meets some of the members of his committee to plan this year's event. Shown with him are Molly Bloom and Elliot Novak. Standing from left are: Stan Rose, Steve Polevoy, Adi Kolber, Howard Stulberg and Gord Stromberg.

Walk, or run, for UJA-B'nai B'rith

TORONTO —
Walk or run 30 kilometres to celebrate the 30th anniversaries of Israel and the United Jewish Appeal.

That's the theme of the 1978 UJA walkathon and the UJA/B'nai B'rith runathon to be held on Sunday, May 28.

David Bloom, chairman of the event, said the route has been increased to 30 km. (it was 26 km. last year) to tie in with Israel's 30th anniversary celebrations which commence in May.

He noted that this year also marks the 30th anniversary of the formation of the United Jewish Appeal in Toronto. "The extended route," he said, "will give participants the opportunity to raise more money for the UJA."

This year's route will have a completely new look. "We want to take the participants off the pavement and into parkland and to make things more interesting," said Bloom.

"We'll start and finish at Earl Bales Park at Bathurst and Sheppard and during the course of activities we will go through Sherwood, Davisville, Arthur Balfour, Winston Churchill and Forest Hill Memorial parks."

Bloom said details of the route will be announced as soon as the locations of the checkpoints are finalized. He added that there will be a windup celebration in Earl Bales Park when participants come through the final checkpoint.

Bloom hopes for much wider community participation than ever before and schools, organizations, business and professional groups will be urged to form teams to take part on a competitive basis. "Challenge cups" will be offered for teams leading in total participation and fund-raising.

"It's going to be a big day," Bloom promised, "and I hope everybody will walk, run or be sponsors. It's one time when the entire community, young and older, can join in to help Israel."

Shekter is Negev honoree

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —
Hamilton's Jewish community will pay tribute to Dr. Jack J. Shekter at its 25th annual Negev Dinner to be held at Adas Israel synagogue on Sunday evening, May 28.

In making the announcement, president of the Jewish National Fund of Hamilton, Albert I. Foreman, praised Dr. Shekter for his record of public service on behalf of Jewish and non-sectarian causes at home and overseas.

"This testimonial is a timely and well-deserved tribute," stated Foreman, "for in addition to pursuing a highly demanding professional career in the field of medicine, Dr. Shekter has devoted a major part of his life and selfless service to Israel and the Jewish people.

"He has participated in a leadership role in a host of good causes, giving unstintingly of his wise counsel, boundless energy and a deep sense of enthusiasm."

Dr. Jack Shekter

Dr. Shekter, who chaired last year's Negev Dinner in honor of Samuel Taylor, is a past president of the Hamilton Jewish Federation, chairman of the Hamilton Council of Jewish Education, past chairman of the Canadian Friends of Hebrew University, and executive member of the JNF, Hamilton, and a member of B'nai B'rith.

A popular figure in the city, Dr. Shekter, a general practitioner, has served as president of the Hamilton Academy of Medicine and president of the medical staff of St. Joseph's Hospital; he is also associated with the McMaster University Medical Centre.

Born and raised in Hamilton, he started out in real estate but eventually decided that this was not his kind of life. With his application turned down by all medical schools in the province because of his age, 26, he finally went to Queen's University and personally "sold himself" to gain admission. At that time, in the early 1950s, he was something of a curiosity — until he stood first in his class.

He and his Manchester-born wife, Sonya, met and married in Tel Aviv and the couple have three children, Lee, 15, Michael, who will be Bar Mitzva one week before the Negev Dinner, and 12-year-old Helayna.

Dinner-chairman will be Dr. Franklyn Shapiro and proceeds from the event will go toward the continued development of Canada Park, the 7,500-acre recreational complex midway between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

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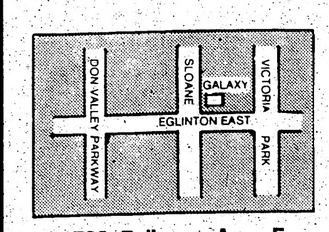

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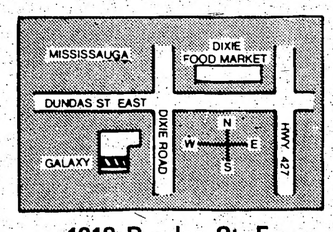

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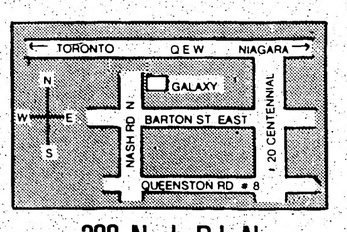

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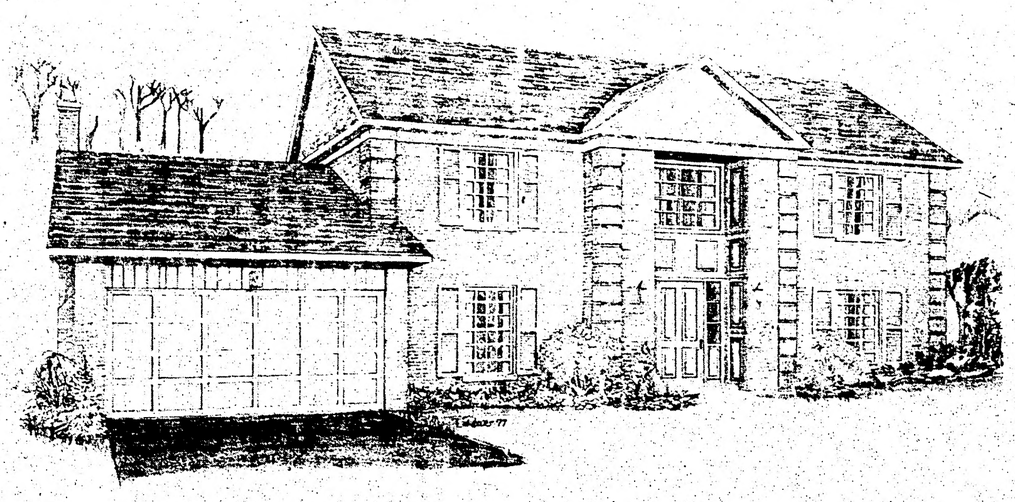

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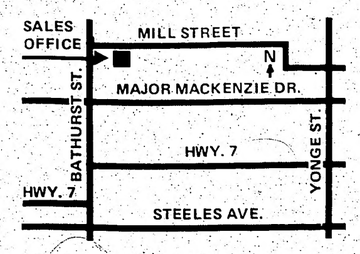

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Playwright Joe Wiesenfeld

Maturity is central thematic material for Joe Wiesenfeld and his play, 'Spratt'

theatre

By JENIVA BERGER

"The best experience I've ever had is working here. I had to take total account for what I've done."

Maturity is a very big theme with Joe Wiesenfeld these days. It occupies every conceivable corner of his play, **Spratt**, which had just opened at the Tarragon Theatre on the day we talked.

In fact, the sentiments he proffers, could be a line of dialogue from the end of the play when the anti-hero, a self-destructive ex-salesman named Jack Spratt, realizes that he's the only one who can chart his own course.

Wiesenfeld, who was born in Germany and settled in Winnipeg as a baby, probably has as much Spratt in him as most people. But, unlike his nearly spiritually bankrupt character, he has welcomed responsibility with open arms ever since he made the decision to turn to writing as a profession.

After dropping out of the University of Manitoba, he had "five very nice years" as a general reporter with the Manitoba Free Press, became a night editor at the tender age of 24 with the Canadian Press, and wrote a weekly political column for the Winnipeg Tribune.

At that point in his life, he tackled a first film script for Leonard Yakir called **The Mourning Suit.** I was not a stellar attraction at the box office, but, says Wiesenfeld, "it convinced me that I should write."

After a year as a research consultant for educational television, he abandoned what he calls "the civil service," and tackled another film script. It was his last one.

Murray Markowitz's **Recommendation for Mercy** was the 1976 film based on the Stephen Truscott trial and Wiesenfeld came along to do the final version. Without equivocation, he says, "I don't like the film at all. I tried to put in human values. Murray chose to emphasize crass values. It was the major reason I got out of film. If you're serious as a writer, it's the wrong place to be."

After his move to Vancouver, he wrote his first full-length play, **Amor De Cosmos**, based on the life of B.C.'s eccentric premier, which was workshopped and developed by the New Play Centre run by the enterprising Pamela Hawthorne.

During his three-year apprenticeship there, Wiesenfeld started to work on a play he called **Jack Sprat** (the title was changed to **Spratt** for the Toronto production), spurred on by Stratford dramaturge, Urjo Kareda, who was at the centre conducting a playwright's workshop.

On the day that **Jack Sprat** opened in Vancouver to glowing reviews, Wiesenfeld got a call from the Tarragon Theatre. "I owe a great deal to Kareda," he remarks. "He suggested that Bill Glassco at Tarragon do the show after John Murrell's play was cancelled."

Kareda rates high on Wiesenfeld's list of favorite theatre people, along with Pamela Hawthorne of the New Play Centre, Jack Blum, Spratt's director ("he's something of a prodigy. We have an extraordinary relationship"), and Bill Glassco.

What's good in theatre, as far as the 30-year-old Wiesenfeld is concerned, is a play with a strong story line. "I believe very much in the power of narration in the theatre," he says, adding, "a lot of our theatre comes out of the motive of writing about other people's problems. You can't absorb that reality. You begin to rationalize the whole process of theatre. It's good that the theatre community asks themselves, 'why are we doing this?' A show has to be at least entertaining. It's so damaging to be presenting people with less than their money's worth.

"The subsidy in theatre is dangerous in general. It clears you from responsibility with the audience. You should never be free from that." He muses. "I started out thinking that free enterprise stultifies theatre. I've come full circle."

In the prediction department, Wiesenfeld feels that Canadian theatre, having just gone through an adolescent phase, and a by and large dishonest approach to real issues, is nearing a healthier plateau.

"We'll see less of theatre, but a lot of it will be more interesting. We're in the recognizable stage of evolution. We're going to have a string of interesting hits. The moment that it happens, you'll know there's been a change in the country."

Maturity. It sounds familiar. It has very much to do with Wiesenfeld's next play as well, a full length one which Stratford has commissioned. That one will be about responsibility, with some political overtones.

He points with pride to the cultural boom in the West, in particular Vancouver. "There's a lot of community writers that get professional care. Tom Cone and Sheldon Rosen both have plays on Stratford's stages this summer. It's no accident that they're both from Vancouver."

Levin sequel 'The Harvest' filled with historical nuggets

book review

By BERNARD BASKIN

The Harvest
By Meyer Levin
Musson Book Co. $14.95

A writer for half a century, Meyer Levin has 17 novels to his credit, several plays, assorted works of non-fiction and a plethora of articles. **In Search** (1950), his outspoken autobiography, described his restless career as newspaperman, novelist, actor, photographer and would-be artist.

In a ceaseless quest for self-fulfilment, Chicago-born Levin settled in Paris with the idea of becoming a painter, then went on to Palestine and travelled extensively in Europe.

He made his literary reputation with **The Old Bunch** (1937, an ingenious depiction of the interwoven destinies of 11 boys and eight girls who had all graduated from a Chicago high school. **Compulsion** (1956), a widely-read suspenseful account of the Leopold and Loeb case, was dramatized and filmed.

The Harvest, while independent and self-contained as a narrative, is a sequel to the author's earlier novel, **The Settlers.** Together, the pair run to over 1,300 pages; an American critic has hailed this massive work as the Jewish **War and Peace.**

The tireless Levin presents us with a colorful, sweeping family saga that moves over three continents, involves a host of characters and culminates in the founding of Israel. The period covered is from 1927 to 1948 — and almost every important international event during these turbulent two decades is included. On the crowded canvas the fictional characters rub shoulders with actual historical personalities.

Mati, the protagonist of the novel, the youngest son of the Chaimovitch clan, leaves Jaffa for his university education in Chicago. He returns with a bride and his own airplane.

Other members of the family are at the vortex of exciting, tragic and portentous happenings. Tanya flees from war-torn Russia to join "illegal" immigrants who are trying to reach Palestine. Menahem, sent on a secret mission to Europe is witness at Auschwitz to the Nazi horrors of the Final Solution.

Gidon dies fighting Arabs among whom he had been reared. Nahum helps to develop a new seaside community and brings a fledgling diamond industry to his country. Leah, the indomnitable "giantess" devotes her life to children who had been saved from the Holocaust.

Khalid, a sophisticated and sympathetic Arab, is an integral part of the story and a spokesman and symbol for the Arab point of view.

Everything is here: the Arab-Jewish antagonism during the British Mandate; the tragic confrontation between Jewish settlers and British soldiers; the desperate attempt of refugees to enter the land of their dreams; the ugly face of Hitlerism; the Nuremberg Trials; the diplomatic efforts to bring Israel into being, the exciting purchase by a Jewish scholar of some of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Readers who enjoyed **The Exodus** by Leon Uris and **The Source** by James A. Michener, for the surprising amount of Jewish history and tradition they contained, will find this information crammed work of similar interest.

Levin is a sturdy, if sometimes clumsy, literary craftsman of unfailing imagination and drive. The numerous threads of a complex generation of changes and decision are knowledgably and carefully interwoven to provide a variegated and impressive tapestry in which hope and courage, sacrifice and betrayal, violence and passion all have their place.

Israeli dances colorful event

CAMBRIDGE —

One of the smallest Jewish communities in Ontario was host recently to the Nirkoda Israeli Dancers of Toronto, under the direction of Teme Kernerman. B'nai Israel Synagogue of Cambridge was the scene of an exciting and colorful program of Israeli dances, interspersed with Israeli and Yiddish songs performed by Shlomo, accompanied by Rifat on the guitar, both of whom encouraged the audience to sing along with them.

The 12 young men and women of the dance group presented three suites, in appropriate costumes, and held the audience enthralled throughout the evening with their verve and grace.

A bonus was the informal dancing that took place after the "official" program. Led by the Nirkoda Dancers, and Shlomo and Rifat, the audience participated in a most enthusiastic hour of circle dancing, with Israeli themes.

The thanks of the Cambridge Jewish community goes out to David Milgram, director of regional and community services, Canadian Jewish Congress, for bringing this group to the attention of the cultural committee.

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Palm Springs a bonus for family vacationers

PALM SPRINGS —

"Where can we take the kids?" That's a question which is becoming easier to answer in the Southern California desert resort town of Palm Springs, once considered a huge sandbox only for the wealthy, the retired and the jet set.

At one time golf, tennis and sunning were the main forms of recreation for Palm Springs visitors of all ages.

These activities still thrive but they have been joined by dozens of others thanks to the area's emergence as a more family-oriented resort.

A bonus for families is that most of the attractions mentioned below are probably within 10 minutes of any Palm Springs hotel.

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Palm Springs Desert Museum: Here is a way to learn about the desert without leaving downtown Palm Springs. The new museum features extensive displays about the local desert, including dioramas so lifelike you'll swear you're really outside.

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Bike riding: Long before bicycling became a national mania, the city of Palm Springs had laid out miles of bike trails through some of the most scenic parts of town. There are now 14 miles of trails and five separate "loops" which take cyclists past celebrity homes, the museum, shops, through city parks and into the open desert.

Bike trail maps are available free from each of the three bike rental shops in town, at City Hall and at the Convention and Visitors Bureau counter in the airport.

Parks: There are five city parks here with a variety of playthings, ranging from swings to tennis courts to soft ball diamonds. Soccer is played at Ruth Hardy and DeMuth parks, and picnic and recreational facilities are also found at Desert Highland, Victoria and Sunrise Plaza parks.

The city's leisure services division is headquartered at Sunrise Plaza, and its staff will be pleased to direct you to things to do and see in the way of recreation. Sunrise Plaza also houses the central library, the Boys' Club, and a youth facility called The Firehouse, where there's always something happening for youngsters.

Downtown: Downtown Palm Springs has long been a favorite gathering spot for young people. They're attracted there by the colorful shops, ice cream and frozen yogurt parlors, candy stores, book stores, sidewalk cafes, theatres and, naturally, the presence of other young people.

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Crusader port is unearthed on the road lining Jaffa to sea

JAFFA —

The foundations of the Crusader port of Jaffa and its defences have been unearthed by Tel Aviv municipal archeologist Yaakov Kaplan and his wife, following the laying of sewage pipes for the regional sewage project.

However, because the ruins lie under the only existing road in the narrow passage between the sea and the hill on which Jaffa stands, the discoveries had to be covered with earth again, Kaplan said.

The main defence wall on the south end of the Crusader port was 18 metres wide and included several inner chambers for stores and men. The wall rested on a trapezoid foundation, built of large stones and reaching a metre under the water. The quay on which the Crusaders disembarked with their supplies served the Turks as the base of the embankment of their port.

The British, in the early 1930s, enlarged the area by dumping rubble between the old quay and a new concrete breakwater, which still exists.

Heavy masonry watchtowers stood at the southern and northern ends of the Crusader port, and the Turkish gumruk (custom house) was built on the site of the northern tower. From there to northeast, the defences of the port merged with the Jaffa city wall, which climbed up around where St. Peter's stands today.

The only point at which some of the Crusader stonework is visible above ground, today, is just below the Jaffa lighthouse.

The crusader port was constructed by masons from Pisa, Kaplan says, and they were later joined, or succeeded by, the Genoans, and the Venetians. The Moslems were unable to capture the fortress, but harassed the Crusader fleet on its way into the harbor — which was particularly easy on stormy days.

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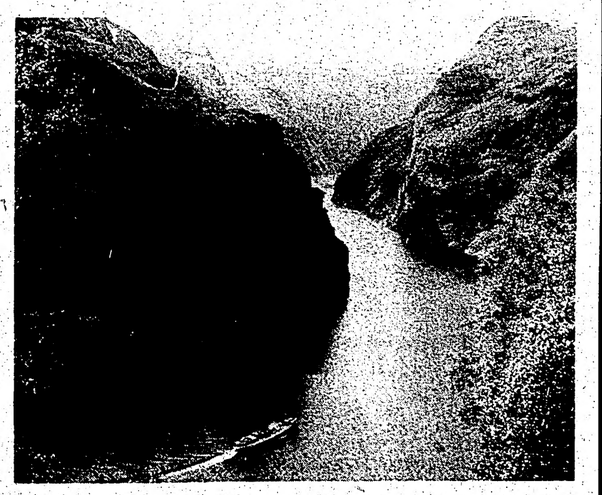

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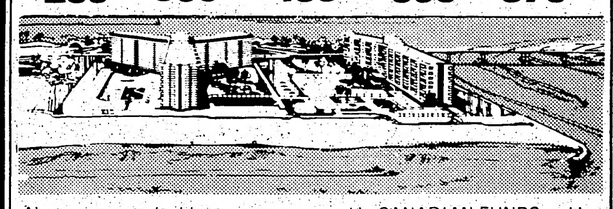

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Tapestries, paintings, graphics on display

Israeli art to be shown May 12-27

TORONTO —

The Israel Art Festival, a unique exhibition and sale of over 400 works of art, will be on view at nine mid-town Toronto galleries from May 12 through May 27.

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A comprehensive catalogue will be available at each of the participating galleries.

The Israel Art Festival is sponsored by the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce, in celebration of Israel's 30th anniversary.

Under the patronage of Mordechai Shalev, ambassador of the state of Israel to Canada, the festival constitutes the largest exhibit of Israeli art ever to be sent abroad. A smaller-scale festival will also take place at the National Arts Centre, the Robertson Galleries and the Wallack Galleries in Ottawa during May.

Dinitz's wife advises patience on negotiations

By CHAIM BEN MELECH

TORONTO —

Jews must not be hasty in blaming Israel for the slowdown in the Middle East peace negotiations, says Vivian Dinitz, wife of the Israeli ambassador to Washington.

"We don't have to be so self-blaming about the way things are going," she told about 100 women at a recent national executive meeting of the Hadassah-WIZO Organization of Canada at the Sheraton Centre Hotel.

Mrs. Dinitz said it is senseless to make major concessions to the Arab nations, if the result is immediate public approval, but also a situation that could put Israel's existence in jeopardy.

During Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's peace initiative last November, it seemed as though real progress would be made, but too many people are discouraged that peace cannot be achieved in a few months after years of war, she said.

Negotiations may appear to be moving slowly, "but I do believe things will be different," she said.

Mrs. Dinitz praised Sadat for his trip to Jerusalem, but said it was premature and an exaggeration to call the Egyptian one of the world's greatest peace makers.

She said it is important to remember that Sadat was welcomed to Israel with the smiles and applause of people who had lost family members in the 1973 October War.

She admitted that in recent weeks Israeli public opinion "has fluctuated, but it is a natural phenomenon that appears in all democracies."

In an interview with The CJN following her 25-minute speech, the mother of three said American Jews are concerned that the "special relationship" between the U.S. and Israel "may no longer be so special," in light of an arms package giving fighter planes to Saudi Arabia and Egypt.

She noted that discussion or differences of opinion within Diaspora Jewry on the resolution of a Mideast impasse reflected "a healthy expression of concern" for Israel. "It's natural that a myriad of approaches come into play."

The Carter administration, she said, "sees tremendous support among Jews for Israel and it is not misled by the question of tactics. It knows better than that."

Medal honors artist

EIN HOD —

"Homage to Dada" is the theme of a medal created by a founder of the modern art movement and released this month in a new collection of original art medals by Israel's leading artists.

These collectors coins are being produced in a series of 12 medals by a company based at the artists' village of Ein Hod in the Carmel hills near Haifa.

The new Israeli art medal by Marcel Janco shows a Dada relief, "White on White", and a poem in French by Jean Arp, Janco's colleague in the Dada movement. On the obverse side are portraits of the artist and his wife. Founder of the Ein Hod art colony, Janco, the noted Romanian-Israeli art personality, designed the third work in the art medal collection following successful distribution of the initial two medals.

The first artistic medals were: "Views of Old Tel Aviv" by Nahum Gutman and "Marriage" by Yossi Bergner.

Layton's latest work focuses on many of his familiar targets

By VIVIEN SHARON

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Irving Layton's most recent book of poetry focuses on many of the familiar targets emphasized in his previous writings such as the crudeness of sex, beauty in nature, man's arrogance, and social conformity, to name a few.

But, about 30% of the poems in **The Covenant** convey a religious message to ignite man's belief in God and Judaism. The covenant between God and man, and man and God is the underlying theme that binds all men together.

Layton believes that Jesus was a life-loving Jew and brother of man, and that both he and the Virgin Mary were imbued with human frailties. The poet negates the church's connotation about Jesus' and Mary's heavenliness and implies that the majority of Christians are baptized heathens and indifferent souls that blindly adhere to a pseudo-Christianity that Layton calls "Xianity."

On the surface, it appears as though Layton's knowledge of religion and history is limited, sketchy and uninformative. Yet one cannot help but feel that the poet purposely intertwined inexplicit historical data in order to arouse emotions, to incite the reader to question his motives, and, if anything, to encourage his readership to re-examine its religious beliefs. In this, the poet is successful.

Layton, for example, preferred to use Jeshua and Mariamne instead of Jesus and Mary in order to be — purposely — ambiguous and unclear. Furthermore, he exhibits a paucity of religious, historical and political information from the time of Jesus' appearance and onward for a particular reason: he does not want to inform but "get to the revelation."

Layton's religious poetry is curt, candid, simplified, and easily comprehensible to the layman, which is most likely the poet's goal.

The poems **The Circumcision, The Luminous Bagel, Paul Sextus, Magdalena, Xianity** and **Dialogue**, among others, demonstrate clearly the sadism, vulgarity, and hypocrisy of many practising Christians, and the poet's deep frustration and anguish climaxed by the extermination of six million Jews.

In terms of clarity of comprehension, Layton is most successful, but in regard to explicitness and historical detail, that is another matter.

Layton oversimplifies the question of Christianity, its roots, its resurgence, its theology, its perversities, in order to motivate the uninformed reader to explore religious texts and fill the empty gaps.

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'It's been very draining'

Draft psychologists' act tosses Marvin Goodman into political maelstrom

By TOBA KORENBLUM

TORONTO — When Marvin Goodman eased into his new position as president of the Ontario Psychological Association, it was an irony of timing. Two days before he took over the job, the OPA released its legislative proposals for controlling the profession, and Goodman was tossed into a political-social maelstrom.

The whirlwind reaction to the draft psychologists' act centred on what opponents saw as an invasion of civil liberties; while the association wanted to prevent "unethical and unqualified people" from masquerading as psychologists under such euphemisms as mental health counsellors, biofeedback instructors and psychotherapists.

Goodman, the 45-year-old chief psychologist for North York's Board of Education, greets the predicament thrust upon him with a half sigh, half smile. "It's been very draining, but on the other hand interesting and a healthy exercise. (The controversy) has stimulated discussion on a variety of related issues involving government and society."

The draft legislation, he says, has been misinterpreted as an elitist or imperial document. "To put it bluntly, would the OPA be that delusional or stupid to try to control or take over the world?" he asks sarcastically.

The rationale of the legislation is not to protect the psychologists' status as much as to control quackery and abuse of members of the public, he adds. But he does admit that the draft bill would infringe the rights of those he calls irresponsible therapists: the Church of Scientology and other mind-bending, pseudo-psychological counsellors.

"The climate is such in terms of civil rights," he claims, "that society is in a reactive state; it's anti-control, anti any authority —a 'just leave me alone' attitude."

With keen interest in behavior, awareness and self-improvement displayed recently, psychology has become "the sitting duck", he explains. "The argument has been 'caveat emptor' (let the buyer beware). Maybe that's right, but we have seen people who have gone through the horrors of bad practice and I can't sit by idly as a human being and condone that."

An Ad Hoc Committee of Concerned Citizens, including a number of rabbis, said the restrictions are too broadly defined as to who is unqualified to practice psychology. Clergymen are among the exempted groups, yet Holy Blossom Rabbi Harvey Fields considers the bill's parameters as being too wide, and Adath Israel Rabbi Erwin Schild says it could curtail counselling in "natural human situations." The OPA president does not fear over-legislation.

Turning to his critics, he notes that intervention in this field is not new, since 40 states in the U.S. and the province of B.C. have similar provisions. He hopes opponents will provide constructive solutions to the "dilemma" of legislation rather than dismissing it off-hand, and points to the seat-belt law as an example of government control for the common good in a controversial area.

Goodman has met with Reform rabbis and a number of concerned groups, and has had an exhausting schedule of speaking engagements, meetings and media interviews, following the draft act's release.

But most of his working time is spent handling a different set of problems at the North York board. He oversees a budget of $1 million and a staff of 39 working in 169 schools in the borough, providing assessment, programing and consultation services.

Involved with the board for 12 years, he has noticed an obvious increase in the number of problems uncovered in school-age youngsters and a dramatic change in the severity of symptoms.

In part, he attributes his observations to the fact that a larger number of children in the system have multiple handicaps of a physical, emotional and intellectual nature — children who 15 years ago would not have been in public school.

"They are more disturbed; there's no question about it," says Goodman, a graduate of Michigan State University who also holds an MSW degree. "Among other variables are the factors of societal stress, strain and chaos, and a lack of family stability."

In addition to an increase in suicides, children are "acting out" more in the classroom, displaying more extreme behavior toward themselves, teachers and other students.

The chief psychologist has found his department to be the scapegoat for financial cutbacks in the board, partly because psychological services are viewed in certain quarters as being a frill.

He says there have been improvements in teacher training, to increase awareness of psychological problems or learning handicaps in the student population, but "it could go a little further."

Goodman's interest in education spilled over into his involvement in the formation of the Leo Baeck Day School, where two of his three children are students. He is also a founding member of Temple Har Zion. His wife, Carol, pursues similar interests as a pre-school educator and founder of the Parent Co-operative Pre-School Council.

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Marvin Goodman, president, Ontario Psychological Association, has become embroiled in political storm.

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'Assimilated' scientist explores his culture

Soviet renews acquaintance with Judaism

By MEL SOLMAN

MONTREAL —

There are many paradoxical ways people manage to deepen their sense of Jewish self-awareness. For Russian-born Yakov Rabkin, it involved emigration to Canada for a fundamental change in his outlook to occur.

What may best reflect this renaissance is Prof. Rabkin's book-filled office at the University of Montreal. There, nestled among formidable scientific texts in Russian, French and English are works of Jewish history and literature, a collection of Israeli short stories, studies on Soviet Jewry and that ever familiar edition of **The Joys of Yiddish**.

Rabkin, by his own admission, had been a totally assimilated citizen of the Soviet Union. "Bar Mitzva" was a term totally foreign to him. He was only vaguely aware of the meaning of Yom Kippur.

"I read, wrote and spoke Russian — better than many Russians. Yet I was not accepted as one. Once that lesson is learned you never forget it," he said.

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His dissatisfaction with life in the Soviet Union increased steadily, especially after the 1968 invasion of Czechoslovakia by the Warsaw Pact forces. Overnight, he, like many others, gave up the hope which had been growing since the Khrushchev era for a more humanistic Soviet society.

His treatment as a second-class citizen, his disgust with the repressive state bureaucracy, the lack of basic freedoms all contributed to his decision to leave the country.

When he applied for an exit visa to Israel in late 1972, the full range of predictable Soviet responses resulted. Intense pressure was placed on him so that he could no longer remain at the Academy of Science in Moscow. Employment was denied him and he led a harrowing six-month existence almost totally without money. "It was not as severe as what others have experienced, but it still remains as one of the worst periods of my life," he recalled.

At the time he applied for a visa, the infamous education head tax was in effect and his "cost" to the state was appraised at $14,000 — an astronomical sum in Soviet terms. He, nevertheless, made every effort to raise the amount.

"People I never expected to be concerned about me gave almost their last ruble, even to the point of selling their own possessions. It was a terrible time for me, but I also discovered the beauty in human relations which you might not expect to find under normal circumstances."

Rabkin recalled that just as Sen. Henry Jackson's trade amendment came before Congress, the Soviet government suddenly dropped the education head tax. To his surprise, he was among a symbolic group of Russian Jews who received their exit visas. He arrived in Israel in May, 1973 and, highly conscious of not wanting to become a public burden, he chose to live on a kibbutz where he felt he would be earning his keep.

As a fully-trained specialist in science policy, he was soon employed as an adviser to the prime minister's office in Jerusalem on matters dealing with the absorption of new scientists.

"Israel," he explained, "still has the highest proportion of scientists per capita in the world. A large number of these are newly arrived from the Soviet Union and largely oriented towards academic research. The influx has unfortunately coincided with a difficult period for the Israeli economy with research funds not being readily available."

Curious about the West, Rabkin decided to accept in January, 1974, an invitation from the University of Montreal to teach and conduct research at its newly-created Institut d'Histoire et de Sociopolitique des Sciences.

He emphasized that as an assimilated Jew leaving Russia, he was not automatically attuned to the full meaning of Israel. "My religious feelings are zero. My knowledge of Jewish history was zero. Now I view things very differently."

(Harold Rosenberg photo)

Prof. Yakov Rabkin — University of Montreal

Paradoxically, he said, Israel might have sheltered him from the lessons he learned in the Galut about the position of the Jews in the world. "I now know what I am and do not want to be taken for something I am not. I can only identify with a history which is my own."

During his early days in Montreal, the proprietor of a kosher bakery whom he addressed in French answered him in heavily-accented English that the Jewish community "belonged to the Anglo-Saxons." "If he belongs to the Anglo-Saxons," said Rabkin, "then I am with the Chinese ballet."

Rabkin explained that many aspects of Jewish life which people here take for granted are completely new discoveries for him. The abundance of books on Jewish history is a particular sourse of interest, bordering on obsession. Needless to say, Russian counterparts to these books never existed for him. Several months ago, he read the Bible for the first time and was "deeply impressed."

As of late he has begun observing Shabbat and exploring the requirements of Halacha. "I have approached everything in a very calm, entirely voluntary way and I admit it certainly does make my life fuller."

The institute where he teaches is one of the many graduate schools of the University of Montreal. Part of his research deals with the effect of science on countries which have very little in common with the Western outlook on the world.

"In countries of the Orient or the Middle East," he explained, "science is perceived as only one of many ways of discovering truth. It is only in the West that there has been the attempt to substitute the oneness of God for the oneness of scientific truth, a substitution I am highly sceptical of."

In recent years, Rabkin has been a frequent contributor to a number of prominent scientific journals. He was also founder and first president of the Russian-Jewish Association of Montreal. His Israeli wife, Maya, active in her own right, is a town planner currently studying at McGill.

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East End London no longer Jewish enclave but commercial presence remains

Petticoat Lane is synthesis of best English, Judaic traditions

By HENRY SREBRNIK

Elderly Jews get together at a park somewhere in east London to debate latest international developments. Photo appeared in the Oct. 15, 1938 issue of Picture Post, a popular British magazine with a big circulation.

LONDON, Eng. — Petticoat Lane, that boisterous and bustling open-air market in east London, has come to symbolize, over the decades, the charm and uniquely picturesque qualities of the London Jew: a blend of Cockney and East European, a synthesis of the best in the English and Jewish traditions.

"The Lane" — really Middlesex Street and its surrounding alleyways — is situated in the old East End. The bulk of London Jewry lived here before World War II, most of them at that time very recent arrivals in this country from Eastern Europe. (Between 1881 and 1914, 150,000 Jews came to Great Britain.) At first they settled near the docks, and in the 2½ square mile hub that radiated out from the spokes that were Commercial Street, Whitechapel Road, and Mile End Road — the area encompassing the old boroughs of Stepney and Hackney. Some 100,000 Jews had been crammed in by 1900 (90% of London's Jewish population). There were 25,000 more by the mid-20s.

The East End, in the short space of a few decades, had become totally transformed by this mass immigration. As the writer Robert Skidelsky has put, it, "a piece of Jewish East Europe had been torn up and put down again in the middle of East London."

From Aldgate in the west to Limehouse in the east, from Cable Street in the south up to Bethnal Green, this largely self-contained "spin-off" of Eastern European Jewry managed to create; for a brief half-century or so, its own Yiddish-speaking world, its own life and institutions.

It did not survive the vast socio-economic and demographic shifts that followed the end of the war, and other, newer immigrants are now retracing the old Jewish paths in the East End.

Today, a visitor strolling the broad roads and tiny alleys of the area is more apt to come upon a mosque than a synagogue, is more likely to hear among the throngs shopping along the streets Hindi, Bengali or Gujerati than Yiddish.

And — Bloom's famous kosher restaurant, still in its old spot, notwithstanding — one will surely sooner be confronted with the smells of curry or shwarma than gefilte fish and "salt beef" (the English version of smoked meat).

True, some Jewish organizations, like the Jewish Institute on Adler Street, still function here. And even today, there are almost 15,000 Jews inhabiting what is now the borough of Tower Hamlets. But they are an insignificant thimbleful when seen within the framework of London's almost 300,000-strong Jewish community, and they are almost unnoticed even within their old haunts in Stepney.

London's Jews have moved to the northwest, or to areas at the fringes of the metropolitan region. Golders Green, Hampstead, Barnett, Ilford — these are today some of the districts where Jews live. The only sizable concentration of Jews still within even hailing distance of the old East End are the Chassidim of Stamford Hill.

It was not always thus. Before 1939, and the dislocations and horrors of the Blitz, the East End Jews, very much like those of New York's Lower East Side, had developed a remarkably stimulating and intellectually exciting milieu.

Anarchists, socialists, Zionists, liberals — some of the greatest names in Jewish history — settled in, or at least passed through, the East End.

Among their number were Ahad Ha'am, Morris Rosenfeld the poet, Solomon Schechter, and Rav Kook, later to become the first chief rabbi of Palestine. Here, the Russian-born Aaron Lieberman founded the first Jewish trade union, in 1876, and the great Morris Winchevsky started Der Poilisher Yidl (The Little Polish Jew), the first Yiddish newspaper, in 1884.

It was here where Israel Zangwill wrote **Children of the Ghetto**, and described the teeming Jewish masses of the area as "carrying with them through the paven highways of London the odor of Continental ghettoes." Theodor Herzl, the founder of political Zionism, inspired throngs in Whitechapel.

Jewish workers in the area, often cruelly exploited and usually only a few pennies ahead of starvation, developed militant socialist and trade union traditions.

In 1889, a strike of 10,000 tailors in the East End lasted six bitter weeks, and even Eleanor Marx, Karl Marx's daughter, spoke with admiration of their fighting spirit.

The famous Berner Street club came to be dominated by Jewish anarchists, and it was here than the German anarchist Rudolf Rocker (a non-Jew) learnt Yiddish in order to hold forth among the members, until interned at the start of World War I. It was also here than the fraternal Workers' Circle had its greatest strength.

Most Jews worked in clothing, bootmaking and furniture industries, and helped build some of the most militant locals of the NUTGW, the garment union, and NAFTA, the furniture and upholsterers' union. Others were small shopkeepers, or in trades of various sorts.

In the decade of 1935-45, political and social activism in the East End reached its peak in response to the worldwide offensive of fascism, as well as its local manifestations, such as Sir Oswald Mosley's blackshirts.

From the Battle of Cable Street (Oct. 4, 1936) to the end of the Second World War, organizations like the Jewish Labor Council to Combat Fascism and Anti-Semitism worked to mobilize people, and, indeed, in the July, 1945 British general election, Phil Piratin, a Communist, was elected to Parliament from the Mile End division of Stepney.

Piratin is now a successful businessman in London (he lost the riding in the vastly different post-war conditions of 1950), and spoke with The Canadian Jewish News about Stepney in the 30s.

Piratin became a Communist in 1934 as a response to anti-Semitic agitations in the East End, and also "because of the poverty and overcrowding that surrounded me." He told me that, in those days, "Stepney was almost an entire slum; it had been going through a long period of decline, and a complete overhaul was called for. Over 200,000 people were living under terrible conditions, herded into a small area like that."

One of the organizations he helped organize was the Stepney Tenants' Defence League, which tried to help people victimized by landlords, and often led rent strikes.

(Ironically enough, since the German Luftwaffe levelled two-thirds of Stepney in the war, today there are rows upon rows of modern council flats fronting streets like Mile End Road, and some of the area looks more like Toronto than London.)

Piratin felt his 1945 election victory stemmed from a combination of his own personal efforts on behalf of the people in Stepney, and the results of the war, which turned Jews temporarily leftwards. "The mood in Stepney was much more sharp than elsewhere in London. Jewish people felt more deeply about it than the others. The Jews had had more to lose." And since the Soviets defeated Hitler, this was the expression it took.

Mick Mindel was until his retirement senior London officer of the NUTGW, and was a garment worker all his life. He, too, noted an upsurge in Jewish militancy in the area after 1935, partly because of rising fascism, and also as a consequence of the protracted 3½-month strike against Coleman's, a big garment manufacturer, in the winter of that year.

He worked in Piratin's campaign in 1945, and "we were able to use our influence among the Jewish tailors, many of whom lived in the Mile End area. Of course the background — the Russian contribution to the war — made it easier to have a rapport with the people." Mindel said he supported Piratin because "my own feelings were very influenced by the Russians' saving of Jewish lives."

Solly Kaye, a longtime borough councillor in Stepney, told The CJN that many Jews turned to communism because of their "feeling of utter helplessness and despair regarding the advent of fascism. The Communists could organize people, Jews and non-Jews, and turn them against Mosley."

Also, one must never underestimate the traumatic shock of mass unemployment in the area during the Depression. "Crowds would assemble daily in front of the local NUTGW office on Great Garden Street to try to get even a couple of days' work. People would greet each other, not with 'how are you?', but 'are you working?', he explained.

Finally, the East End empathized deeply with the fate of loyalist Spain. The first two British volunteers in the Spanish Civil War," Kaye noted, "were two boys from Stepney."

The bombings during the war largely destroyed Hackney and Stepney, and the exodus of Jews began. As late as 1948, there were still 25,000 Jews in Stepney; the mayor and 18 of the 60 councillors were Jews.

But the writing was on the wall. Jews were now ascending the ladder of upward social mobility, and were being replaced by new immigrants, largely from Asia. By about 1960, the Jewish East End had become history, the "remembrance of things past." And so had its traditions of socialist agitation.

As the character Sarah Kahn says to her son in Arnold Wesker's 1960 play, **Chicken Soup With Barley**: "When you were a baby and there was unemployment and everybody was thinking so — all the world was a communist. But it's different now." (Wesker, now a successful playwright, himself grew up in the East End.)

East London may no longer be a Jewish enclave in terms of population, but, as a visit to Petticoat Lane any given Sunday morning would illustrate, some Jews have retained a commercial "redoubt" in the area.

For, in terms of trade, there is still a juxtaposition of old and new, and next to companies like Marwaha Shirt Manufacturing Co. (obviously an Indian concern), one can see firms such as A. Levy, Woollens, or L. Frankel, Poulterer and Butcher. Many of the sidewalk stalls, too, are owned by Jews.

Besides, how can we say the East End is now totally consigned to memory when, even now, one can still bump into Moss in the Lane, the Jewish fishmonger reputed as having the best smoked salmon in London!

Henry Srebrnik, a Montreal academic, currently lives in Britain.

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Scholar Stephen Barber is going back to school

Story and Drawing
By LOU SELIGSON

MONTREAL —
Stephen Barber will soon be taking his 40th trip to Israel and this time he will not be representing any company, organization or cause. He'll be a student researching contemporary Czech Jewish history.

For decades Barber has been the founder and executive director of the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry and, more recently, of the Canadian Society of the Weizmann Institute. But at 66 he is changing gears. "I'm retiring," he says, "not withdrawing, of course. Just doing something different. I'm not an executive director of anything."

Barber is probably Canada's leading authority on the history of Czechoslovakia's Jewish communities and their eventual annihilation during the Nazi Holocaust years. During that period, as a young lawyer and World Jewish Congress representative, he covered most of Europe trying to keep Czech Jews alive and organized. Now he is going to dig into his bundle of notes and his memories to produce the story of this experience.

A doctor of law and history and a former wandering student of the universities in Prague, Berno, Geneva, Madrid, Paris and London, Barber wears a little grey moustache and a goatee befitting a soft-spoken sort of absent-minded professor.

But, in reality, he is actually a very commercial fellow — a man who made his living manufacturing, importing and exporting confectionaries and biscuits and who first introduced Israeli canned goods to Britain and Canada. In fact, he is so commercially-minded that he founded the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce in Montreal simply because it didn't exist and he thought it should.

"Twenty five years ago, on a business trip to Montreal, to form a branch of my English company, I was a member of the Anglo-Israel Chamber of Commerce in London," Barber explains. "There was no similar Chamber of Commerce in Canada so I decided to organize one."

He finally and arduously gathered together as many as 150 Canadian firms into the chamber here and in 1963 established a sister organization in Tel Aviv. "It was a very hard job," he says now. "In the face of the Arab boycott, you had to overcome fear, bias and prejudice to encourage Canadians into simple trade relations with Israel. It was, and is, a terrible uphill battle."

At the drop of an unsuspecting word, Barber will proudly bring out a score of medals, gold and silver, and some still in their original presentation boxes, suggesting that Israel has certainly appreciated his efforts.

He was born in Raussnitz, a small town near Berno in western Czechoslovakia, into a comfortable family of leather merchants. He was fluent in five languages, including Greek and Hebrew, by the time he left high school. Then he began moving across western Europe studying law and history in Switzerland, Spain, France and finally taking his degree at Charles University in Prague.

"I had an open bank account," he says with a sly smile, "and I could travel all over." Even as he finished his studies in law, in 1934, he was heavily involved with the waves of war refugees streaming out of Germany, assisting them through the legal mazes of Czech regulations.

In 1936 Barber was elected to the national committee of the World Jewish Congress, its youngest Czech executive member, and this changed the course of his life. "When the Germans marched into Vienna we saw that we were going to be next on the list," Barber recalls. "So we formed defence committees and put out news bulletins and prepared ourselves."

"In 1938, at Munich, the WJC executive picked me to go to Paris and London to tell them what was really happening. I was travelling all the time — me and my little suitcase — and I was in Geneva as a WJC consultant to the old League of Nations when the war broke out."

Barber could have sat it out in neutral Switzerland, but he flabbergasted his Czech ambassador by insisting for permission to go to France to join the new Czech army in formation there. For six years he moved from battle to battle, earning a chestful of medals — and still worrying about the Jews of Czechoslovakia.

"After the war I went back to Berno," he says. "Still in uniform, I discovered that 40 members of my family had been wiped out. My brother and sister escaped. And I was the only surviving Jew of my hometown of Raussnitz."

He returned to Prague, which used to have 40,000 Jews, to find many trickling back from the camps and wandering about looking for help and food. He helped form a committee to reorganize the remnants of about 50 Jewish communities around Prague and Bohemia. For a year he was the head of the WJC department of relief and rehabilitation and covered Europe from his London base.

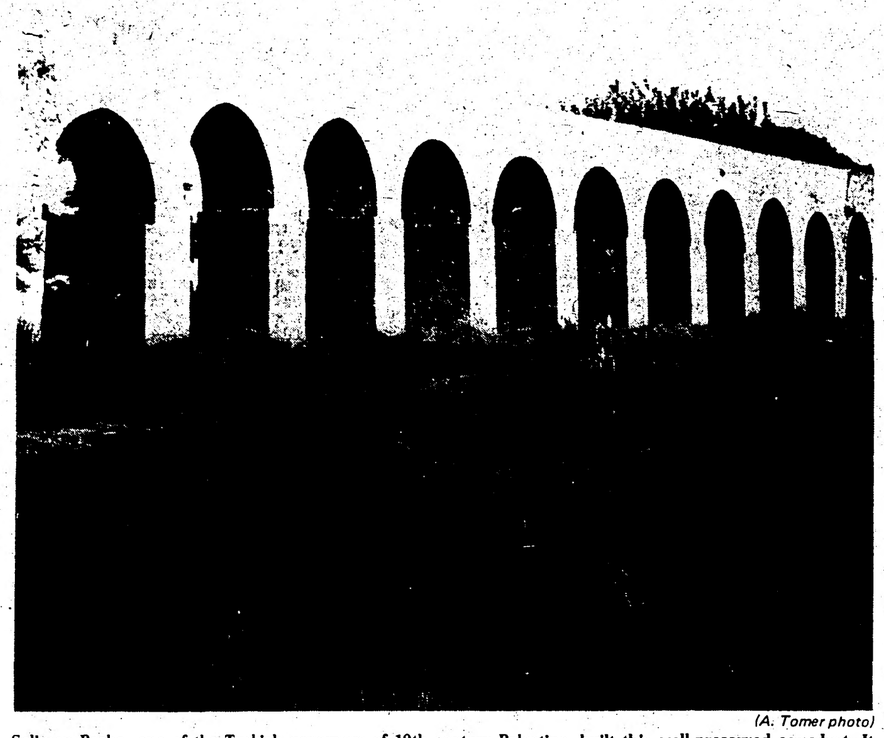
As soon as Israel became a reality he turned to commerce and formed a company to pioneer the importation of Israeli canned fruit and other commodities into Britain.

"When I visited Montreal and was astonished that there was no chamber here I decided to form one," he says. From that point on, Barber began to lose interest in his own company and gave most of his time and effort to cementing Canada-Israel trade relations. "I became a pro," he says, "a professional organization man."

For years, Barber flew back and forth on El Al between Israel and Canada so often that the Weizmann Institute decided to make use of this rolling ambassador and asked him to form a group on their behalf. So in 1966 he organized the Canadian Society of the Weizmann Institute of Science.

"I'm going to spend the 1978-79 academic year at Hebrew University and finally get to projects that I have pushed under the rug for all these years," Barber says. "One of them is a chapter for the planned third volume on Czech Jewish history."

So the man with the enigmatic smile, glinting spectacles and grey goatee, who looks like a professor, will at last be a student again — this time in Israel.



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Pastoral art expresses defiance not escapism

By MEL SOLMAN

MONTREAL —

In this protein-enriched age peopled by hulking six-footers, Ludwig Flancer appears as very much a little man. Little, perhaps, but not inconsequential. In fact, those who know his work well would say that his artistic vision and dedication to Jewish tradition transform him into a towering figure.

Early in 1977, the Saidye Bronfman Centre hosted a retrospective exhibition of his paintings, enabling many people to discover for themselves what so many others already had concluded: Ludwig Flancer is Canada's foremost primitive artist.

Flancer, who was a spry 77 at the time, arrived enthusiastically every morning of the month-long exhibition to serve as the official guide. For the record numbers of people who attended, it was a rare opportunity to experience both the artist and his works.

By far the most popular of his paintings on display was a work entitled **Fecundity**. Inspired by a casual glance at a Peter Brueghel print, Flancer decided that he could uplift Brueghel's theme of feverish animal procreation by portraying, instead, the innocent vitality of daisies and butterflies. Flancer's philosophy of life compelled him to depict a higher vision of the act of procreation, more in keeping with the lessons of his Jewish childhood.

"When I was a young man in Warsaw," he recalled, noting that I.L. Peretz was a frequent house guest, "I was influenced by my reading of Spinoza to admire God's creation in every petal, every leaf and every blade of grass.

"That is why I paint mostly landscapes and flowers. It is as if I am praising God's creation with my brush."

Pointing to a study of sunflowers which hangs prominently in his Cote St. Luc apartment, Flancer explained how the painting owed its existence to words from the Hallel — "Va-asaper Ma-asay Yoh."

"The word 'Va-asaper'," he noted, "is very hard to translate into English, because it means 'I will propagate,' but in a nice, quiet, subtle way.

"I thought of my brush as being just as quiet and communicating to people in just the same way. The painting is a cycle of life and I felt that I was reflecting exactly what our sages advised in propagating God's work."

Harry Stern, rabbi emeritus of Montreal's Temple Emanu-El, was so moved by the painting the first time he saw it, he claimed he could deliver an entire sermon just by looking at it. Flancer's work also has had a similar impact on children. One child to whom the theme of **Fecundity** had been explained, confidently told the elderly painter, "You know, Mr. Flancer, you're a great artist."

The delightful innocence of Flancer's work might lead some to conclude that his world view is somewhat naive. His personal biography, however, quickly dispels the notion that he has led a sheltered existence. Many have come to regard his paintings as statements of positive defiance rather than expressions of escapism.

His budding career as a painter was rudely interrupted by World War I. At the age of 14, he joined the Polish Legion, was wounded and later taken prisoner. Released, then recaptured, he escaped again and became a member of the Polish Secret Army. He was again captured, this time by the Russians and was interned in a prisoner-of-war camp in Kiev in 1919. (Even though World War I was officially over, hostilities between Poland and Russia continued on into the 1920s.)

It was while he was interned in Kiev that he became seriously ill with typhus fever. Medical attendants, anxious to find space for the tide of wounded and dying, ordered him to be taken to the morgue the moment that he lost consciousness. In the morgue — nothing more than a room filled with corpses — he began to dream that he was home in Poland and that his mother was caring for him.

"In my dream," said Flancer, "my mother was putting cold compresses on my forehead. But as soon as she did this, I shivered in reality and regained consciousness. I began to feel on either side of me and what I touched were dead bodies. I crawled to a door. An attendant saw me open the door and brought me back to the hospital where I recovered from my illness."

In the interval since his capture by the Russians, all written communication between Flancer and his family had ceased. After much delay his parents finally received news about his fate. Official notification from the Polish government arrived saying that Ludwig Flancer was missing in action and presumably dead. Immediately the family began to sit shiva.

When Flancer's mother awoke on the second day of shiva, she told her husband firmly she would not continue mourning for her son. "I saw him in a dream. He's not dead. He's very sick. I was putting cold compresses on his forehead."

To resolve the question, Flancer's parents consulted with the famous Pinchever rebbe, who was considered to be somewhat of a mystic. After Flancer's mother recounted the dream, the Pinchevere rebbe told her quite plainly: "Go home. Do not sit shiva. Your son is alive."

When Flancer finally returned from a period of miserable exile in Siberia, he learned that his mother had dreamt of nursing him with cold compresses on the very same night he had dreamt she applied them. The date could not be mistaken. It was in the early hours of March 21, Flancer's birthday.

The striking significance of this dream and several others by Flancer's close family might conceivably have caused the artist to have a strong affinity for the work of Marc Chagall. Strangely enough, the opposite is true. "Nobody can deny that Chagall is a master," observed Flancer. "But his ideas — abstraction, the deterioration of form — these things fail to move me."

In many ways, the so-called modern world is not one in which Flancer genuinely feels comfortable. Not only does modern art fail to touch him, he goes so far as to condemn it. Singing Chassidic nigunim as he paints, Flancer considers himself to be an artist firmly planted in the realist tradition. In no uncertain terms, he believes that the trend in modern art, which emphasizes the deterioration of form, reinforces the deterioration of character and morals.

For those who would accuse Flancer of being anything but a realist due to the innocent themes of his work, he responds forcefully by saying the plight of the modern world is its lack of ideals.

"When I was young, people had ideals no matter what they called them — whether it was God, nature or humanity. As long as they vowed not to do harm to their fellow man in the name of these causes, it qualified as ideals, even as religion. And now much of that has been lost."

Flancer himself arrived in Canada in 1927 as a result of total disillusionment with the government of the new Polish republic. He earned a living as a barber and virtually starved himself in order to bring his mother and two sisters out of Europe. Harsh economic conditions forced the luxury of painting far into the background. It was not until 1944 that he finally resumed his career in earnest.

In that year, one of his paintings was accepted for the spring exhibition of the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts. Since that time, he has had numerous one-man shows in many of Montreal's major galleries. On the recommendation of the Saidye Bronfman Centre, the Denver Jewish Community Centre is presently arranging a showing of his works.

As Flancer enters his 79th year, this latest acknowledgement of his artistic talent brings special pleasure to him and to Clara, his wife of 45 years. Says Flancer modestly: "I try to preserve myself as best I can. I do feel that I have something to say."

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Montreal artist Ludwig Flancer stands beside one of his pastoral paintings.

Nature blooms in Flancer's painting, "Fecundity."

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Replying to the protest made on behalf of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, Isaacs admitted that no single program "can possibly take in all aspects of a very complicated situation." The program "concentrated on the situation on the ground in the affected area of southern Lebanon excluded much, but it was fairly embarked upon," he said.

Isaacs insisted that "the principal impact of the film" lay in what it had shown in southern Lebanon, "however unpalatable that may be." It had shown that the Israeli military action had been "a blunt instrument" which had taken a heavy toll of civilian victims and had caused widespread destruction while the PLO forces had largely escaped.

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Bayview-York Mills
$229,000
Situated on superb lot. This spacious 4 bedroom, one level ranch features: family room, den (3,600 ft. living space), exquisite decor and many extras. Call Eileen Cohen, 226-9440.

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Bathurst-Drewery
$129,900
Must be sold! 4 bedroom, split level, air conditioned, on large lot. Close to synagogues, schools, TTC. Immaculate condition. Call Carol Sherkin, 226-9440.

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York Mills-Leslie
$225,000. Priced to sell. This 3,500 sq. ft. 5 bedroom Georgian features family room and den, great location and shows to perfection. Call Eileen Cohen, 226-9440.

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Cliffwood Estates
4 Bedrooms — $127,900
Main floor family and laundry room, central air, excellent school area. Call Anne Kirshenbaum, 226-9440.

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Fabulous Thornhill $179,000
Vendor Leaving Country
Must Sell!
This spacious 4 bedroom, main floor family den, laundry rooms. Finished basement. Many extras. See it with Anne Kirshenbaum, 226-9440.

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Don Mills-Steeles
$118,500. For this charming 2 storey 4 bedroom Tudor home. Featuring main floor family room with open fireplace and walkout to garden. Includes many extras. Shows to perfection. Call Eileen Cohen, 226-9440.

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New Exclusive
Bayview South of York Mills
$232,000. No expense has been spared in the construction of this brand new 4 bedroom home. Magnificent living room with fireplace leading to extra large dining room with walkout to deck and pool sized lot. Main floor family room, exceptional master bedroom suite. Call Hillary Cohen, 226-9440.

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Leslie-York Mills
$138,500
Modern 2 storey, 4 bedroom with main floor den, central air, open fireplace, finished basement. Dunlace-Windfield schools. All offers presented. Call Eva Cohen, 226-9440.

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York Mills-Bayview
$146,900
Outstanding ranch, prestigious location, 180' lot, quality finished ultra modern white kitchen, new bathroom, large entertaining room, 2 staircases leading to finished lower level — mint condition throughout, all the amenities. Call Elise Kalles, 226-9440.

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Spectacular Indoor Pool
$365,000
Games room, den and family room, separate suite with own entrance and garage situated on treed ravine. Call Tina Robertson, 226-9440.

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York Mills-Leslie
"Pool" $269,000
5-6 bedrooms, main floor family room and library overlooking tropical dream pool. Finished lower level. The location is super! Hillary Cohen, 226-9440.

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HOUSES FOR SALE

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Park Lane Circle
Distinctive Contemporary
$1,300,000. Pride of architect builder's decorator and owner went into this fine custom built executive mansion with its carefully designed and complementary spaces. Indoor pool, star-size whirlpool full of astonishment. Elise Kalles, 226-9440.

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Tudor Gate
Now $450,000
"Shibui"
The Japanese word for perfect beauty could well be used for this house situated on one of the most prestigious streets in Bayview. Grandly spacious throughout overlooking private estate. Elise Kalles, 226-9440.

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Bob White Cres.-Banbury Rd
$295,000. This 5 bedroom contemporary home is filled with charm, luxury and impeccable decor. The interior designed for owners who would notice and appreciate the most meticulous attention to design and quality. Call Honey Rose, 226-9440.

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York Mills-Bayview
Distinctive Residence
$375,000. Choice home in this sought-after location, master suite with his & her bath, 2 dressing rooms, sunken bath. Finished to the exacting standards of present owner. Elise Kalles, 226-9440 or 449-1873.

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York Mills Character
& Charm — $239,000
No expense has been spared. Gracious accommodation on 3 levels, spacious rooms, extremely fine value. Joan Grant, 226-9440.

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DENLOW AREA WANTED
I have an all cash buyer for a Victoria Woods built home. Possession arranged to suit vendor. Any call will, of course, be treated in utmost confidence. Mrs. Landsberg, 226-9440.

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Bayview Village
$144,900
5 bedrooms, 2 car garage, French provincial beauty. Main floor den, powder room, completely finished lower level, 2 fireplaces. Lee Landsberg, 226-9440.

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NEW LISTING
Charming Townhouse
$57,500
3 bedroom, 3 bath, central air, family room with walkout to garden, close to all amenities. See it with Anne Kirshenbaum, 226-9440.

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York Mills — $255,000
4,000 sq. ft. quality built contemporary, 2 storey, home, 5 bedrooms, family room, den on main floor, superb kitchen. Call Eileen Cohen, 226-9440.

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Forest Hill
Newly listed. $179,500. This prestigeous 4 bedroom centre hall home boasts a 28 ft. living room with open fireplace, separate formal dining room, fabulous gourmet kitchen-family room combination, main floor powder room, master has ensuite plus custom built-ins. Finished lower level, immaculate throughout. Many extras including central air & double garage. Call Harold Hillman, 483-4337 or 881-7523.

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Bathurst-Eglinton
Delightful 4 bedroom home, 3 baths, main floor family room with walkout to gorgeous (in-ground) pool & professionally landscaped garden. Modern equipped kitchen, loads of extras. Super value. Call Dorothy Zeifman, 483-4337.

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Bathurst-Eglinton
Newly listed picture pretty centre hall, enormous living room with open fireplace, separate formal dining room, 4 oversized bedrooms, smashing lower level family room. Many extras. See with Margaret Heiman, 483-4337 or 656-9722.

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Alexandra Wood Area
$119,900. Stunning 3 bedroom home, completely updated, spacious entrance hall leading to extra large living & dining rooms; Super modern kitchen with walkout to cedar deck, main floor powder room, many extras including central air. Call Rose Caplan, 483-4337 or 783-3879.

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Bathurst-St. Clair
Bungalow — $73,900. Excellent value, 3 bedroom home in move-in condition, living room with open fireplace, spacious dining room, modern kitchen, finished lower level with 2nd kitchen and bathroom. Many extras including new furnace. Call Harold Hillman, 483-4337 or 881-7523.

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Sheppard-Yonge
$69,500. Charming cosy & comfortable 2 bedroom bungalow set on a large treed lot. Ultra modern (equipped) kitchen, super lower level family room plus games room. Good financing. Don't miss seeing. Call Eleanor Stanton, 483-4337 or 445-0923.

HOUSES FOR SALE

The Royal Trust Company Realtor

Bathurst North—Just Listed!
$165,000. Huge centre hall backsplit, 3,500 sq. ft., 6 yrs. new in top condition, 4 bdrms., family rm plus stone fireplace, superbly finished basement, walkout, Hollywood kitchen, near synagogues, schools & TTC. Mrs. Carmona (416) 635-1170.

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Cosmic Dr. — Misty Cresc.
$397,000. Elegant 5 bdrms., 8 baths, 3 car garage, every possible amenity for family living & entertaining. 4,300 sq. ft. on 2 floors, lower level 2,300 sq. ft., walkout garden, near English & French schools. Z. Oberndorffer, (416) 635-1170.

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Bathurst — YMHA Best Buy
$25,000 down. Custom built 3-4 bdrms., 3 baths, den, 2 car garages, finished lower level, near schools, TTC, shops, synagogues. Mrs. Seidman, (416) 635-1170.

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Bathurst-Wilson $68,400
Ideal starter. $12,000 down. 1 open mtge. Solid brick detached bungalow, 5 rms., 2 bdrms., large kitchen, good-sized living & dining, finished bsmt., garage, 2 stoves, 2 fridges. Near TTC, synagogues, shops. Mr. Seidman, (416) 635-1170.

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Bathurst-Finch. Brand new quiet court; 8 distinctive custom homes. Central air-cond. and natural fireplaces complement the over 2,500 sq. ft. of living area. Walking distance to Hebrew school, synagogues. These showplaces challenge comparison at $142,500. Hurry! Only 4 left. Barry Lebow, 630-7800.

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Palm Drive Area
Executive Type Home
Air conditioned, stone front, custom built 6 room bungalow with double garage, on large landscaped lot. Spacious modern kitchen, walk-out to porch. King size master bedroom with ensuite. Finished basement with rec. room and self-contained apt. Expensive drapes, decor & extras. Mrs. Hersh, 633-7777.

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Chelmsford-Drewry
8 Room Sidesplit
Double garage. Bright living & dining rooms. Large Hollywood kitchen, 3 bedrooms, master ensuite. Panelled den & walkout to garden. Finished basement, central air, convenient to all schools. Lynda Stoneman, 633-7777.

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Bathurst-Denmark
Luxury 4 Bedrooms
In prestige area. 8 room side-split on 60' lot. Spacious foyer, elegant living & dining rooms, breakfast area & kitchen overlooking landscaped garden. Family room with walkout, double garage. Perfect home for young executive with growing family! Clare Kane, 633-7777.

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Bathurst-Wilson
7 Room 2 Storey
Immaculate home in prime location. Central air, main floor den with walkout to garden, 3 bedrooms, finished rec. room. Deep lot with beautiful landscaping, attached garage. Asking $93,500. Ida Weisfeld, 633-7777.

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Leslie-Steeles
Luxury 2 Storey
Magnificent 4 bedroom home on ravine lot. Main floor family room, central air, central vacuum, AM/FM intercom. Electric double garage door. Italian ceramic tile throughout. Asking $133,900. Stan Grossman, 633-7777.

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Leslie-McNichol
2 storey, 4 bedrooms, master ensuite. Double garage. Main floor powder room, den, finished basement, two fireplaces, family home. Priced to sell! Evelyn Pollock, 633-7777.

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Bathurst Village
Large bungalow, 3 bedrooms & panelled den with walkout. Hollywood kitchen, family room with bar, 2 large rooms, kitchen & bathroom in basement, central air, 7 appliances, double garage. Miriam Benyovits, 633-7777.

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Bathurst-Finch
New Listing!
$67,900 asking. Magnificent large townhouse. Attached garage, main floor washroom, upgraded beautiful broadloom, central air, 2 walkouts from finished basement, ultra modern kitchen. Move right in! Ruth Trachter, 633-7777.

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Ladyslipper-Bayview
6 Bedroom 2 Storey
170'x150' lot with swimming pool. Large family room, den, kitchen faces garden & pool, walkout, basement finished with parquet flooring, fireplace, dark room. Prime location! Pearl Grossman, 633-7777.

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$1,250,000. Likely one of Toronto's finest residential properties! Steel and concrete formation topped by exquisite stone with careful attention paid to architectural detail. Inside about 10,000 sq. ft. of comfortable yet truly elegant living space. Outside — seclusion, pool, tennis court and lush, mature landscaping. Mrs. Allen Tittel, 488-6666 or 782-3643.

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"Breath Taking View"
Bayview Country Club
$329,000. "California Lifestyle" because of the complete 2 level custom bungalow design with several approaches to a perfect pool area, all rooms are generously proportioned. Every possible convenience provided and numerous valuable inclusions. Exceptional opportunity at this asking price. Mrs. Allen-Tittel, 488-6666 or 782-3643.

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Lower Village
"A Home of Distinction"
You will find traditional beauty and elegance throughout this stately 3 storey Tudor residence! Grand 25' entrance hall, 2 libraries with fireplaces, 9 bedrooms, 6 baths, and imaginatively designed indoor pool! For further details, call Roz Bennett, 488-6666 or 483-3711.

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Strathearn Road Ravine
Quality Throughout
$179,900. One owner home which has been thoughtfully remodelled and maintained in very fine taste! 2 storey, centre hall featuring wonderful main level family and powder rooms, gourmet kitchen, complete master suite. Of course it's centrally aired, has double garage and many lovely extras. Mrs. Allen-Tittel, 488-6666 or 782-3643.

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Forest Ridge Drive — Pool
"Quality Built" and superbly maintained 2 storey Georgian. Every convenience, 4 bedrooms, ensuite master, ground level den and powder room, central air, outstanding decking and landscaping. Holly Gibson, 488-6666 or 445-5847.

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Upper Forest Hill
Briar Hill Avenue
Enjoy spacious comfort in this preferred location east of Bathurst! Four unusually large bedrooms, (master ensuite), main floor powder room. Walkout from dining room to lovely closed-in flagstone patio. A great "family" home! Roz Bennett, 488-6666 or 483-3711.

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Hillhurst Blvd.
Beautiful Family Home
$159,500. Side split stone front home in sparkling condition. 3 baths, panelled recreation room has wet bar, fireplace and parquet floor. Double garage, central air, recent roof. Walk to Shaarei Shomayim, Ester Mecklinger, 488-6666 or 633-1311.

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Luxury Living at Reasonable Prices * Indoor Pool * 24 Hour Security * Saunas
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Reduced to $79,500 and now an "Exceptional buy" for this lovely 2 bedroom sunny southerly exposed suite.

Also reduced 2 bedroom unit now at $82,500 with 6 level treed view.

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Prue Ave. — Best Value
$199,500 — spacious 5-bdrm. sidesplit featuring a large walkout family rm. & rec. rm.; gourmet kitchen, new central air, inner workings totally redone. Walking distance to synagogues, parks, tennis courts & TTC. Elaine Goldenberg, 783-3333.

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Lower Village Executive
Smashing 2-storey Tudor classic featuring 4 bdrms., den, 4 baths, new ultra-modern kitchen, dbl. car garage. This home offers a true blend of old-world charm & modern elegance. Gary Mitchell, 783-3333.

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Blue Forest Drive
Open concept, 2-storey entrance hall unfolds this custom-built 5-bdrm. home, situated on a magnificent 200-ft. ravine lot. Ultra 26-ft. kitchen, den & laundry rm. on main. True elegance is shown in all finishing touches. Vendor has bought. Gayle Esbin, 783-3333.

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Bathurst-Sheppard
Fantastic 4 bdrm. bungalow, double garage, 3 baths, master ensuite, Hollywood kitchen, professionally finished lower level. Move-in condition. Must be seen. Mrs. Herzog, 636-5200.

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Bathurst-Hillhurst
Charming 6 room bungalow, attached garage, modern kitchen, panelled den with bar, walkout to magnificent garden, central air. Choice location. Ellen Zener, 636-5200.

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Bathurst Manor
Large 8 room backsplit with walkout to magnificent ravine lot, Hollywood kitchen, appliances, family room, open fireplace, central air. Choice location. Mrs. Reingold, 636-5200
Lil Rush R.E. Ltd., Realtor

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$425,000 — Priced to Sell
Forest Hill-Dunvegan
Frybrook Area
Single owner home that has all the warmth and proportions for gracious but practical family living. Master suite and 3 family bedrooms on second plus 4 rooms, full kitchen, and incredible fireplace play room on the third floor. Unashamedly elite in character. By appointment only. Dorothy Gordon, 921-1116.

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Last Chance
Bridle Path near Bayview
Delightful ¼ acre property with compact but luxuriously relaxed, just updated bungalow. Designed for easy care, a country home in the city, in move-in condition. Many amenities, including in-ground pool, main floor laundry room and cathedral ceiling family room. By appointment only. Dorothy Gordon, 921-1116.

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Lyndhurst Terrace
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Contemporary Style
For the select few that can avail themselves of glorious open space in a multi-level concept created in concrete, steel and glass. Prestige location highlighted by delicious privacy. By appointment only. Dorothy Gordon, 921-1116

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The perfect time to buy this beautifully proportioned family home with superb accessibility to 401 for dad. All modern conveniences for mom. A first class school for the kids, and the icing on the cake, an in-ground pool with a cedar privacy fence for all to enjoy. Private showing. Dorothy Gordon, 921-1116.

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WANTED — Up to $500,000
Bayview - York Mills - Post Road, Bungalow that has never been offered for sale. Must have minimum of 4 bedrooms, swimming pool, and preferably tennis court or area. All replies treated confidentially. Dorothy Gordon, 921-1116 or 489-0671.

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Gracious Living
With Income Potential
Rosedale duplex on prestigious South Drive. Grand main floor with extra large principal rooms and bright Florida room. Second floor includes: both elevator chair and self-contained third floor apartment for family or help. Vendor wishes to remain a tenant on the first floor and is offering extremely attractive mortgaging terms. A superb arrangement for specific needs. By appointment only. Dorothy Gordon, 921-1116.

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$187,500
Perfectly Planned
Townhouses
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Totally Renovated Pad
Centrally located on MacPherson Avenue near Yonge. This 3 bedroom attractive townhouse is waiting for someone to appreciate the blend of old and new. Third floor could be open if needed. Modern kitchen and breakfast room with walkout to patio garden. Basement has 20x 11'6" office with walkout to street. Call Dorothy Gordon, 921-1116.

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A Country Gem
$165,000. Combination resort and farm area approximately 4 acres. Less than 1 hour from Toronto. And 2 miles from Newcastle Marina. Historical log building plus barn and other practical structures. Lands include 4 kinds of gardens. Ravine, central plateau, hill and lake front. Dorothy Gordon, 921-1116.

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Sandfield-York Mills
$279,900. Exceptional spacious bungalow, 4 bedrooms, main floor family, separate dining room, complete lower level, large property. George & Annette Donnenfield, 449-2020.

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Bayview Village Ravine
$137,500. Absolutely gorgeous lot. 7 rooms, kitchen overlooks garden, main family room, walkout to patio, kingsize master, 1 owner home. Diane Allen, 449-2020.

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Denlow-Victoria Woods
$134,900. Great value — area of prestige homes. Large main floor family — walkout to patio, fireplace, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, rec room plus den. Diane Allen, 449-2020.

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York Mills Gardens
$219,000. Beautiful 3-4 bedroom ranch bungalow, ideal for growing family, large principal rooms, circular drive, pool with southern exposure. George & Annette Donnenfield, 449-2020.

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Daleberry-York Mills
$198,500. On magnificent 100'x150' property, 3 bedrooms, library, large modern kitchen. A real find at this price. George & Annette Donnenfield, 449-2020.

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Willowdale — Best Buy
$146,900 - 6 Bdrm. - 2 Storey
Fantastic 10 room home (plus 5 in lower level), 19'x17' living room and 13'x20' dining room. Super kitchen, walkout to fenced grounds. 5 baths, central air, appliances. Orma Betts, 226-5222.

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Bayview-Steeles $159,500
Backs onto greenbelt; 5 spacious bdrms., gorgeous decor, sep. dining rm., unique family rm., stone fireplace, huge kitchen; upgraded new broadloom throughout. Central air.

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Leslie-Steeles $65,400
3-bdrm. luxury townhome, immaculate condition; huge master, sep. dining rm., family rm., main-fl. laundry; central air.

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Olde Towne $69,900
Superb 3-bdrm. townhome, king-size master, walk-in closet & ensuite. Huge kitchen, 5 appliances, family rm., fireplace, central air.

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Don Mills-McNicol $77,900
First ad. Beautiful 2-storey, 3 bdrms.; shows to perfection, ready to move in; sep. dining rm., rosewood panelled bsmt., central air.
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3-Bdrm. Luxury Condo Apt.
$61,900 — king-size master, 4-pc. ens., huge liv. & din. rms., own laundry off gourmet kitchen, 4 appliances, central air, thousands in extras.

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Detached Backsplit $92,500
Bayview Fairways
4 bdrms. on 170' lot — king-sized master, main-floor family rm. & laundry, 2-car garage; 9% mtge.
IRIS WEINBRUM
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Bayview-York Mills
Reduced $169,900. Executive custom built 2 storey, 4 bedroom, 4 bath, family rm., fireplace, finished bsmt., central air, giant Hollywood kitchen. Owner leaving country. Mrs. Benegbi, 661-5700.

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Bayview-Finch
Try an offer! $142,900. Detached 2 storey, 4 bdrms., 3 baths, panelled family rm., new ceramic 18' kitchen, all appliances, fireplace, 2 car garage. Mr. Cohen, 661-5700.

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Steeles-Yonge $47,900
Luxury 3 bdrm. condo, showroom condition. Spacious rms., central air, 15' eat-in kitchen, appliances, broadloom, drapes, king-size master, ensuite bath, 10% big mtge. Why pay rent? Mel Borenstein, 661-5700.

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Leslie-York Mills
$147,500. Beautiful 2 storey, 4 bdrms., 3 baths, family rm., fireplace, main laundry rm., 2 walkouts to garden. Owner leaving country. Mrs. Benegbi, 661-5700.

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Bathurst-Sheppard
$19,000 down. Brick detached, 4 bdrm. bungalow, att. garage, central air, ceramic kitchen and bath, completely finished bsmt. Home in mint condition. F. Magrill, 661-5700.
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Eglinton-Bathurst
One-owner home, for family living, 21 ft. living room, main floor den & powder room, 4 bdrms., with ensuite fireplace, pool-size lot. One open mortgage. Mrs. Feldman, 663-2993 or 661-7416.

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Bayview-Steeles
Near Old English Lane
You bet!! An ultra-modern four level sidesplit with 28' master bedroom with dressing ensuite. Huge oak panelled family room with den. Rec. room has sunken fireplace, maid's quarters. Naturally there's a pool on a 200' lot. A circular driveway leads to this truly modern elegantly decored home. Asking $189,900. For further details, please call Ruth Straughan, 226-6390.

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York Mills Beauty
2 storey, 4 oversized bdrms., main floor laundry, powder & family rooms. Central air, huge lot, surrounded by $200,000 plus homes but under $160,000. Call Anna Socket, 226-6390.

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N. Bathurst — Executive
3 br. bungalow with main fl. den, super mod. kit., 2 baths, lower level completely finished, dble. garage, central air. Call Elaine Harris, 226-6390.

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Super Bungalow
Just Listed!
Quiet st., 3 br., (master ens.) plus den, large kit., LR, DR., full basement incl. 2 br., full kit., 3 pce., rec rm., laundry rm., C/A, new siding, good lot. Call Leni Bobrowsky, 226-6390.

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Bayview-Cummer Bungalow
Detached solid brick luxury home, spacious entry & generous liv., din. & kitchen areas. Lower beautifully finished. $115,000. Call Anna Socket, 226-6390.

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Bathurst & Finch
Forest Hills Condominium
Just listed! Two bdrm., plus den, extra large corner apt., 3 walkouts to balconies. Facing north & east to private landscaped view. Fridge, stove, drapes, sauna & gym. Ruth Straughan, 226-6390.

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Wilson-Bathurst
Exquisitely decorated 2-storey 4 bdrm. home located in a much demand area. Main floor family room w/o, beautifully finished lower level, central air. Move-in condition. Mrs. Feldman, 663-2993 or 661-7416.

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Bathurst-Finch
Lovely townhome excellent condition, minutes to synagogue, TTC, schools, shopping. 3 bdrms., 2 baths, rec. room, att. garage, brdlm. Only $60,900 and open to offers. View with R. Goldhar or S. Stransman, 663-2993.

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Eglinton-Bathurst
Excellent financing on this 2-storey centre hall, featuring entertainment size living and dining room, 4 twin-size bdrms., main floor den w/o, 4 washrooms, a perfect family home located on a quiet street. Mrs. Feldman, 663-2993, 661-7416.

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Leslie-Cummer Exec.
Backsplit, prestige area, kingsize master with 4 pc. ensuite family rm., fireplace, walkout, den or office with built-ins, rec room with wet bar. $139,900. Bonnie Gries, 497-4620.

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May the Almighty reward you all greatly.

Students from graduating class of Bialik Hebrew Day School rehearse for show, "Pass It On To Your Children," to be presented at Toronto UJA Societies and Organizations dinner. Top row from left are Jeff Rothman, Ellen Tobe, Mark Greenberg, Aaron Shuster, Richard Finklestein, Ellen Steinbaum, Ilena Hayeems and Shael Liebman. In middle are Ian Mondrow, Bonnie Laufer, Joanne Jubas, Karen Goldstein, Glen Starkman, Avery Karney and Brian Keshen. In the front from left are Cindy Fruitman, Lisa Schwartz, Linda Godel, Ruth Lootsteen and Mark Chandler.

Media expert upsets Pioneer Women group

By MIRIAM CHINSKY

TORONTO —
Israeli media expert Dina Goren was greeted with scepticism and dismay by a Pioneer Women audience here when she suggested that Diaspora Jewry need not feel guilt in expressing dissension with Israeli government policy.

A visiting scholar at Yale Law School, Ms. Goren said a spectrum of political opinions is reflected in Israeli society itself. "The image of a strong, dedicated, united, purposeful society is simplistic. We have our own ideas and doubts and deep differences."

The former journalist, addressing the Spiritual Adopt-A-Child reception, assailed the Begin government's "rigid and chauvinistic" stance, and said Jewish intellectual and humanistic concerns are being superceded, "as Israeli society becomes more rigid and militaristically dedicated to survival."

One irate member of the audience, at the recent affair at Adath Israel Synagogue, marched to the head table at the close of Ms. Goren's address to loudly denounce her "divisive" approach.

In her speech, Ms. Goren, a PhD graduate of Hebrew University, said "the particular brand of Zionism on which we've been raised has a perspective of human values which were important for 30 years. The PLO is distorting the true meaning of Zionism, and, by clever machination, has denied us our birthright. Many young Jews are losing sight of what Zionism was really about — a humanistic vision."

As Israel becomes more militaristic, she added, a special demand is put on Jews here to support the "progressive, liberal" sectors of Israeli society.

"My country right or wrong," said the author of **Secrecy, Security and the Freedom of the Press**, "is a fine saying, but we may end up with a society I would not like to contemplate."

She noted that "Jews in this part of the world are disturbed by a very hostile attitude toward Israel, motivated not only by stepped-up Arab propaganda, but by the image of intransigence in recent months." This, she says, is painful for American and Canadian Jews where support has been so generous.

But she insisted they should not feel guilty if they do not agree with the present Israeli government.

Her speech was unexpected and reaction was immediate. A few supported her, but the majority, while granting the right to free opinion, felt strongly that this was neither the time nor the place for such a talk.

The evening had commenced in the usual manner with a review of the year's accomplishments. Etty Danzig, president of Toronto Council, said, "we are here because Israel's children are important to us."

She urged members to perpetuate the memory of the late Sylvia Mirsky, a selfless worker who had initiated the Spiritual Adopt-A-Child project.

Miriam Ziev, vice-consul general of Israel, noting that Pioneer Women had supported her country long before statehood, expressed appreciation and asked that help be maintained.

Chairman Tillie Margolis defined the need for the Spiritual Adopt-A-Child program, which provides full-time care for homes simulating a family setting for youngsters from infancy on. The upkeep, she reminded, is phenomenal.

Fay Kemper, speaking in Yiddish, pledged to continue Sylvia Mirsky's endeavors.

The Sylvia Mirsky Award, a gold pin with the Na'amat (Pioneer Women) symbol, was presented by Irma Ziskin to those women who had raised at least $1,500. Honored were: Min Eisen, Minnie Koffman, Selma Jelinek, Sara Himelson, Rose Wolfe, Pearl Mekler, Goldie Burstein, and Florence Lazar.

Centres helping Israelis in need

MONTREAL —
Israel's 70-odd community centres are the hub of a "quiet social revolution" that is helping some 200,000 disadvantaged people throughout the nation to achieve economic and social equality, Donald M. Robinson president of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, told delegates to the JWB biennial convention at Montreal's Queen Elizabeth Hotel.

The convention brought together about 1,000 Jewish communal leaders and professionals from throughout North America and representatives from Israel, England, and France and West Germany.

"Today, these centres are the cutting edge for social change, for bridging the gap between our people, and for reaching out to motivate people to help themselves," Robinson said. And while it was the JDC that has been most active in encouraging the centre movement throughout Israel, he told the delegates, "JDC turns to you because of your expertise and the vast network of community professionals we have called upon to help us."

The joint, as the JDC is popularly known, was established in 1914 to provide food, clothing, shelter, and medical relief to Jews in Eastern Europe and Palestine. "In later years," Robinson said, "as fury and fire consumed European Jewry, the essence of our work was to provide the means — where possible — just to keep people alive.

"When the Holocaust ended, we helped to pick up the pieces, restoring a sense of human worth and confidence in our people. The miraculous reconstruction of entire Jewish communities in Western Europe is one of the great untold stories of how a ravaged people's faith in their Jewishness was reawakened. It was out of this reawakening that JDC encouraged the development of Jewish Community Centers."

Israel's centres, he noted, "in their outreach, philosophy of social work, and willingness to experiment, are closer to the old 'settlement house' concept than to what we refer to as community centres in America."

In their effort to aid impoverished Jews in Israel's cities and development towns, they offer day-care programs, early childhood education, special tutorial programs, outreach programs, early childhood education, special tutorial programs, outreach programs for school dropouts, community paramedical programs for the elderly, and other services.

Organizations and People

(Leo Hausman photo)

Wayne Tanenbaum(left), and Bert Wells(right), co-chairmen of Israel Bonds' Ambassadors' Society of Trustees, exchange views with Joseph Tamir, a well-known member of Israel's Knesset. Tamir was in Toronto on behalf of State of Israel Bonds.

Tamir claims Begin enjoys full support

TORONTO —

Despite differences of opinion in the Israeli cabinet concerning the future of new settlements, Prime Minister Menachem Begin has the full support of his party and the majority of the Knesset, according to a Likud member.

There is no truth to the rumor that Begin will step down or be forced to resign, MK Joseph Tamir, told a meeting of the Ambassador's Society of Trustees, Toronto State of Israel Bonds, last week at the Primrose Club. "I think this government will hold until the next election," he added.

Elaborating on the opposing viewpoints in the cabinet, Tamir said that on the one hand, Ariel Sharon, currently minister of agriculture, favored the retention of settlements in Judea, Samaria and Sinai on the principle that territory at this time is more important than an uncertain peace.

However, Ezer Weizmann, minister of defence, holds a more moderate position and is willing to give up parts of the West Bank in order to reach an agreement with President Sadat.

Other cabinet members, he said, fell more or less in either one of these two camps.

A member of the Knesset's influential Defence and Foreign Affairs Committee, Tamir told the meeting that when Begin returned from talks with U.S. President Carter he reported that two positive gains had been made.

Carter agreed that the Israeli forces would remain in certain parts of the West Bank for an unlimited time. Though Carter's exact words were somewhat ambiguous ("Israel will retreat to the encampments of its army"), Tamir said that Israeli leaders are interpreting the statement as American sanction to retain troops at strategic points.

The second gain was the administration's assurance that the U.S. will not recognize an independent Palestinian state, though the Americans want some form of homeland for the refugees.

In answering questions from the floor, the former journalist pointed out that the recent rally in Tel Aviv of army veterans is a "call for peace at any price — something which we cannot afford to pay. Peace must be accompanied by treaties that guarantee our security."

A separate peace with Egypt would be of immense benefit to Israel for two reasons, he said. First, it would neutralize the most dangerous front Israel must defend and second, other Arab states would be reluctant to declare war without Egyptian participation.

Concerning the Egyptian desire for peace, Tamir reported that Weizmann found a genuine desire to terminate the state of war between the two countries.

This desire for peace is not confined simply to Egypt. For the first time, even Saudi Arabia has indicated it would recognize Israel if the country would fulfil all of Sadat's demands the Likud executive member revealed.

Memorial concert honors Beth Sholom's Rosenberg

TORONTO —

Beth Sholom Synagogue will present an evening of cantorial masterpieces, Yiddish and Israeli folksongs on Wednesday, May 10 at 8 p.m. in the sanctuary in tribute to their late cantor Ephraim F. Rosenberg.

This concert was initiated by the cultural committee to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Rosenberg's assumption of his pulpit at the synagogue.

Prior to his departure to Israel and his death there, he organized the concert as he had done annually for the past nine years by which thousands of dollars were raised for Israel. He had arranged for the participation of the other four world renowned cantors and together with them selected renditions to be sung.

The officers and members of the synagogue unanimously agreed to carry on with the concert as scheduled, knowing that it would be the wish of Rosenberg that it should not be cancelled or postponed. It was also agreed that this concert be in memory and tribute to Rosenberg in recognition of his dedicated service as hazan to the synagogue.

Cantor Louis Danto of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda congregation has consented to be the music co-ordinator of the concert as a mark of his respect and admiration for his colleague.

The other four cantors, friends of Rosenberg who will participate are: Shalom Katz, Washington, D.C., Jacob Mendelson, Flushing, N.Y., Paul Zim, New York, and Isaac Goodfriend of Atlanta, who was a participant at President Carter's inauguration.

Admission to the concert is $50 for which the donor will receive two complimentary tickets and a tax deductible receipt.

Windsor plans Israeli activities

WINDSOR —

To celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut, the Windsor Jewish Community Council, in conjunction with its constituent organizations, is sponsoring a full week of holiday activities.

Several committees are busy preparing the festivities. The schedule encompasses events ranging from a students' Israel essay contest to a display of Israeli art. The jubilee will culminate on Sunday, May 14 with an Israel Fair at the community centre.

The week of activities includes a dinner dance, flag raising and laying of a wreath at the cenotaph, special services in area synagogues and the presentation of the film **Tevye.**

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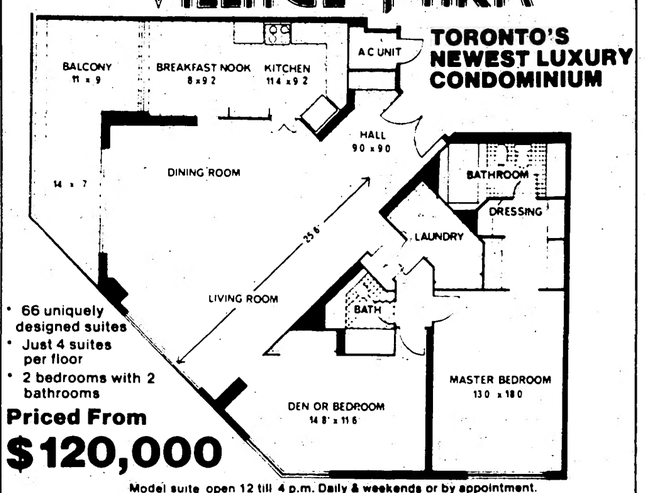

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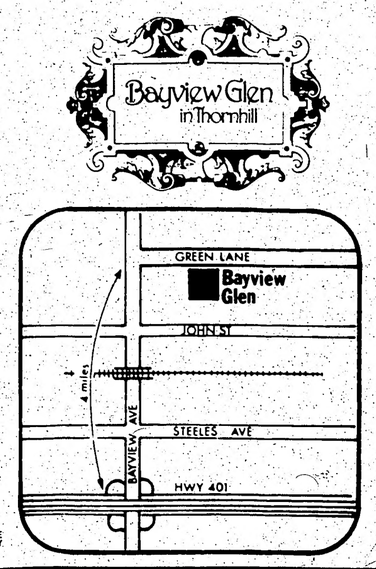
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